

"THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE"

FIRST CORINTHIANS 13 - LESSON 5 - DENNY PRYOR

1. THE DESCRIPTION OF LOVE = THE DEFINITION OF LOVE (1 COR. 13:4-7; 1 JOHN 5:3)
2. THE POWER OF LOVE UNDERGIRDS THE DEFINITION & DESCRIPTION OF LOVE
ROMANS 5:8; EZEKIEL 36:26-27
"LOVE IS INCLINATION," W.G.T. SHEDD
3. THIS TRINITY OF LOVE AMOUNTS TO "TRUE CHRISTIAN AFFECTIONS"
THE POWER OF LOVE (EZEK. 36:26-27) UNDERGIRDS THE CONDUCT OR DEFINITION OF LOVE (1 JOHN 5:3) WORKED OUT IN A PARTICULAR MANNER AND HAVING A PARTICULAR CHARACTER (1 COR 13:4-7).
4. VERSE 7 ACCENTUATES THE IDEA OF THIS TRINITY - SEE 1 PETER 4:8
GORDON FEE, "LOVE NEVER CEASES TO TRUST GOD AND THIS LEAVE JUSTICE IN GOD'S HANDS." COMPARE ROM. 8:28.
5. AS A RESULT, 1 COR 13:8, "LOVE NEVER ENDS" (ESV, RSV) "FAILS" (NASB)
LITERALLY, "NEVER FALLS." LOVE ENDURES, ALWAYS CARRIES ON
LOVE WILL ALWAYS BE. "GOD IS LOVE" (1 JOHN 4:8)
6. BY CONTRAST, SPECIAL GIFTS CEASE OR ARE ABOLISHED (1 COR. 13:8) 1 COR 12:8-10
THESE GIFTS WERE EVIDENCES OF THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
SEE ACTS 2:1-4, 12-17; 10:44-47 BUT MATTHEW 7:20
LOVE IS THE "BETTER WAY" (1 COR 12:31)
7. WHEN DO THE GIFTS CEASE? ANSWER (1 COR 13:9-12).