
A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

“The Permanence Of Love ”

11-17-24

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Introduction: We are in the midst of Paul’s teaching on spiritual gifts.

1. Here in chapter 13, he explains how love is essential in the exercise of our gifts.
2. He continues that theme in today’s text and in doing so, he gives us insight into several gifts (tongues, prophecy, knowledge).
3. It’s an important text, because just as the gifts were being abused in Corinth, that same reality continues today.
4. We should not be surprised that Satan is using this abuse to divide and divert the church from her mission.
5. So, our goal today is simple; we need to be clear on what the bible says and careful in how we apply it.

I. Some Gifts Are Temporary

A. Rendered Obsolete

B. Stopped

C. Timing

II. Love Is Forever

A. Faith

B. Hope

III. How Do We Apply This Truth

A. We Are Non-Charismatic

B. We Are Not Anti-Charismatic

Conclusion: There is no doubt charismatic gifts are a source of controversy and division.

1. That means we are vulnerable to a satanic attack.
2. The answer is simple.
 - Know what the bible says.
 - Recognize the true enemy.
 - Resist the devil.
 - Love your neighbor.