

1 Cor. 13:13; AND NOW ABIDETH:

Faith.
Hope.
Love.
These three.
But the greatest of these is love.

LET US THEN INQUIRE WHAT FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY (LOVE) ARE?

1. All three will abide: are eternal.

1. The end of faith is hope: Heb. 11:1; "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
2. The end of faith and hope is to bring man into perfect harmony with the will of God.
3. HOPE is the desire, combined with expectation, of some future good: that good which God has promised to the faithful.
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4. LOVE to God'gratitude to him for all his goodness and obedience to all his commands that we might conform more to his image.

2. So, these three are:

1. Faith has respect to things either unseen or things yet in the future.
2. Hope is desire and expectation to receive some good: some better things.
3. Love is that quality which makes the Christian. If love be lacking a person cannot be a Christian.

NOW CONSIDER THE GREATEST OF THESE THREE

LOVE

1. No need to study Greek or Latin to find out what Christian love is.
2. No need to consult the dictionaries in search of a definition of love. The best dictionary to consult is:
 1. Our own hearts in relation to our nearest and dearest.
3. What Christian love is:
 1. Christian love is the feeling in our own hearts toward God.
 2. It is the feeling in our own hearts toward our fellow-christians and to all men.
4. Three things in our conception of love:
 1. Love is a personal relationship.
 1. It may be used loosely in our mere liking for inanimate or impersonal objects.
 2. The Christian best express the lofty ideal which is ever before his eyes, and best exemplifies that LOVE WHICH THINKETH NO EVIL, WHICH BELIEVETH ALL THINGS, by refusing to contemplate men and women in their lower nature but always in the light shed upon them by the higher.
 2. Love is the highest relation which one person can assume toward another.
 1. Love is not a vague emotion of the heart, but it is the self-sacrifice, and patience which wells up within one soul by the presence of another.
 2. It is that emotion which suffers long and is kind, which envies not, which seeks not her own, which is not easily provoked, which thinks no evil, which bears all things, and endures all things.
 3. Love needs a perfect Person to satisfy its desires. To make possible such satisfaction.
 1. So it is: We direct our love to God in Christ and to man.

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