

Living a Sacrificial Life

1 Corinthians 13

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“The Love Chapter”

*Tongues
of men*



αγαπη

=

אהבה



*Tongue
of Angels*

(*agape*)

(*ahavah*)

$$5 + 2 + 5 + 1 = 13$$

אֵלֶּהָבָה

אָבִי (my father) = 13

אָבִי = "Father"

1st occurrence – Genesis 22:2

$$4 + 8 + 1 = 13$$

אֶחָד = "one"

(*echad*)

$$5 + 6 + 5 + 10 = 26 = 2 \times 13$$

יְהוָה

Love for God + Love for People
13 + 13 = 26

Exodus 34:6-7

God's 13 "Attributes of Mercy"

Leviticus 19:18

... you shall love your neighbor as yourself...

ואהבת לרעך כמוך = 13
letters

שרה	אברהם
רבקה	יצחק
רחל	יעקב
לאה	

$\frac{13 \text{ letters}}{\quad} + \frac{13 \text{ letters}}{\quad} = 26$

Outline:

- A. **The worthless life** v.1-3
 - B. **Love in action** v.4-7
 - C. **The greatness of love** v.8-13
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Yeshua, Our Rabbi:

He was the perfect teacher and communicated God's Word with power. He was the perfect prophet who understood the secret things of God, had supernatural knowledge, and unflinching faith. He gave everything in His service to God and to mankind and courageously died a martyr's death.

Without Love ...

...you say NOTHING
...you are NOTHING
...you gain NOTHING

אני = I

אין = Nothing

When God gave the Torah at Sinai, He wasn't giving us a set of rules; He was telling us who He is. He loves us and desperately wants us to love Him. Therefore, if we love Him, we will keep His commandments.

Spiritual Gifts \neq Love

To seek spiritual gifts apart from love is to seek power, and seeking spiritual power is the heart and soul of all occult.

Exodus 34:16-17

Adonai passed before him and proclaimed, “(1) יהוה, (2) יהוה, (3) אל, (4) merciful and (5) gracious, (6) slow to anger, and (7) abounding in *chesed* and (8) truth, (9) preserving *chesed* for thousands [of generations], (10) forgiving iniquity and (11) transgression and (12) sin, (13) and who cleanses ...”

2 Chronicles 6:12-13

Then Solomon stood before the altar of Adonai in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. Solomon had made a bronze platform **five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high**, and had set it in the court, and he stood on it. Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven ...

Exodus 27:1

“You shall make the altar of acacia wood, **five cubits** long and **five cubits** wide. The altar shall be square, and its height shall be **three cubits.**”

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Paul interrupted his discussion about spiritual gifts with this chapter on love?
 - How many tribes of Israel were there?
 - Take the list of the traits of love (verses 4-7) and make a list of their opposites. Which list feels more familiar in your own life?
 - How do we abide in Messiah’s love?
 - Why is love superior to faithfulness and hope?
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NOTES:

Genesis 22:2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you **love**, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

Colossians 3:14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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John 15: 9-11 As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

1John 4:16-18 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

Romans 6:3-5 Do you not know that all of us who have been immersed into Messiah Yeshua were immersed into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by immersion into death, in order that, just as Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

1John 3:2 Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

James 1:25 But the one who looks into the perfect [τελειος] Torah – the liberating Torah – and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.