

Grow Up in Love
1 Corinthians 13:11-13

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I. Put away childish things. 1 Corinthians 13:11

"A sign of spiritual maturity is occupation with things of eternal value such as _____." (Dr. Thomas Constable)

- The only way you can truly be _____ is by the power of the Holy Spirit working in your life, and that takes place when you are born again of the Spirit of God. **John 3:3**
 1. A child _____ what Jesus has revealed in His Word.
 2. A child is not concerned with the preconceived beliefs from the _____ to form their own opinions about the Lord.
 3. A child is innocent of evil and trusts easily, which is why kids are vulnerable and why we need to _____ them.

A person who has gone through a genuine **conversion** will gain attributes of a child, becoming humble, honest, and sincere because of their new _____ in Christ.

II. The revealing of the real me. 1 Corinthians 13:12

1 Corinthians 13:10 refers to when we stand in the Lord's presence and He removes our temporary limits on knowledge, as well as many other limitations we have in our _____ condition.

"...if we had more understanding, unless we had equivalent _____ to employ it, we might be filled with conceit and tormented with ambition." (C. H. Spurgeon)

III. These three abide. 1 Corinthians 13:13

*"Though the gifts are precious, and given by the Holy Spirit today, they were never meant to be the _____ or goal of our Christian lives. Instead, we pursue **faith, hope, and love.**" (Guzik)*

1. **Abide** = to remain, in reference to place; to sojourn; tarry.
2. **Faith** = a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God, generally with the included idea of _____.
3. **Hope** = a joyful and confident _____ of eternal salvation.
4. **Love** = Agape is an unconditional, giving **love** that **loves** without changing and without expecting _____. **John 3:16**

IV. Practical Application.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 13:11**. Discuss how we, as Christians, can sometimes get our focus off of the things the Lord wants us to be concerned with. (In the sermon Dr. Constable said, *"The Corinthians took great interest in the things that would soon pass away, namely, knowledge, tongues, and prophecy. A sign of spiritual maturity is occupation with things of eternal value such as **love.**"*)
Psalms 91:14-15, Isaiah 26:3, 1 Corinthians 13:10, Colossians 3:1, 1 Peter 5:8
2. Discuss how genuine **conversion** happens. Discuss the attributes of childlike faith in point I. of the sermon note sheet.
Matthew 18:1-3, John 3:3, Philippians 2:5-8, James 3:16-17, 1 Peter 2:25
3. Read **1 Corinthians 13:12**. Discuss the comment, *"We see indirectly, but then we will see directly, 'face to face'."*
Exodus 33:1-11, 1 Corinthians 13:10, 1 John 3:1-3
4. Read **1 Corinthians 13:13**. Discuss the meanings of the four words from this verse given in point III. of the sermon note sheet.
John 15:1-5, Romans 5:5, Galatians 5:5-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, Titus 2:13-14, Hebrews 11:1-6
5. *Why won't Christians need hope and faith once they get to heaven?*
6. Discuss the practical application questions: *What am I saying?, What am I thinking?, How am I behaving?, How am I reasoning?*