

December 2/Day 336

1 Corinthians 12

Verses 1-3

- Where does the person gain the ability to say Jesus is Lord of his life?
- Despite what some teach, giving Jesus His rightful place as Lord (master, authority) of our lives does not have anything to do with works. It is a yielding or a submission to Him. It is the essence of salvation.

Verses 4-11

- Describe the varieties mentioned.
- What is the purpose of receiving the Spirit?
- There are nine gifts of the Spirit mentioned here. Name them.

Verses 12-13

- If we are all in the same Spirit, does our race or socio-economic standing matter?

Verses 14-26

- Paul is using the physical body parts to explain how the spiritual gifts all work together for the common good, to support, equip, and build up (edify) the church, which is a picture of Christ's body. He is the head.

Verses 27-31

- Are there any other gifts of the Spirit mentioned here?
- Can we expect all believers to have the same gifts?

1 Corinthians 13

- I'm certain you are familiar with this passage. We often hear it at weddings, but that is not the context here. Paul is talking about the gifts of the Spirit in building up the body, and how we exercise these gifts in love.

Verses 1-3

- If God has given us the gift of speaking in other languages, how does it sound without love?
- What about prophecy, knowledge, or faith without love?
- What about our sacrificial deeds?

Verses 4-7

- What is love not like? I counted ten things.
- If we are impatient standing in line, are we acting in love? When we brag and behave arrogantly, are we acting in love? When we hold grudges, are we acting in love?
- What is love like? The five things after the contrast word, “but”.

Verses 8-13

- Some will claim the gifts mentioned in this passage have been done away, but check the context, when will they be done away (v10)? Paul just didn't take the time to mention all the gifts here again.
- Of faith, hope, and love, which is the greatest?

1 Corinthians 14

Verses 1-5

- According to this, is love a spiritual gift? Yet we are to exercise the gifts in love.
- What are the three purposed for the New Testament gift of prophecy? What do these words mean? Does this have anything to do with future telling?
- How are tongues and prophecy contrasted here?

Verses 6-12

- What is he explaining about tongues here?

Verses 13-19

- What is his example here regarding tongues?

Verses 20-25

- What is the purpose of tongues? To whom?
- How is this again contrasted with prophecy?
- According to verse 25, what is the purpose of prophecy?

Verses 26-33

- For what reason should all things be done?
- What must happen if there is no interpreter?
- The spirit of the prophet is subject to whom?

Verses 34-36

- This is again a cultural topic. Paul is speaking to the church in Corinth, a strong idolatrous city. The culture was wild and unrefined. In a church assembly the men sat on one side and the women sat on another. If a woman didn't understand something, she might jump up and yell to her husband to explain it, which would cause a disturbance. This is the reason she should ask him at home. This has nothing to do with a woman speaking in a business meeting or teaching a class.

Verses 37-40

- What final things are mentioned here in regard to prophecy?

See you tomorrow.