

1 Corinthians 12:9-14:15 pt. 1

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This is new standard for living featuring the Bible teaching ministry of Dr. Charles L. Feinberg and produced by Lockman Bible ministries. This cassette contains three messages which are a part of Dr. Feinberg's verse by verse study on the entire book of First Corinthians. The messages on this tape cover First Corinthians chapter 12 verse 9 through Chapter 14 Verse 15. Incidentally printed study notes to accompany this tape are available free by writing to new standard for living post office box 5 9 9 9 Sunny Hills California. 9 2 6 3 5. Our teacher Dr. Feinberg comes to us with a wealth of experience and education.

Reared in an Orthodox Jewish home he trained to become a rabbi until his conversion to Christianity. Dr. Feinberg has two earned doctorates one in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and the second a Ph.D. in archaeology and Semitic languages from Johns Hopkins University. He has had a distinguished teaching career including positions of full professor at both Dallas Theological Seminary and Talbot Theological Seminary where a building is named in his honor. He has pastored several churches and been a member of many Christian service organizations. In addition to these credentials Dr. Feinberg is a noted scholar and author and has participated in the translation of the New American Standard Bible the Bible he will be using in this series. Now our teacher Dr. Charles L. Feinberg.

Feinberg:

In our last study we had come to the ninth verse and the tenth verse of First Corinthians twelve. The marvelous chapter along with 13 and fourteenth chapters on Spiritual Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We were looking at the Word of Wisdom. The word of knowledge. And notice those are different gifts. But according to the same spirit the sovereign Holy Spirit this whole chapter I would encourage you just to take your Bible your New American Standard Bible and sit down and mark the verse and the number of times that you have the word spirit capital S meaning the Holy Spirit he is the all motivating all energizing all blessing one verse nine we read to another.

The word is that God gives different gifts to different individuals in the church so that all may be edifying. And so the word is that to another believer faith by the same spirit and to another gifts of healing by the one spirit and to another the affecting verse ten effecting or the effects of miracles and to another prophecy and to another the distinguishing of spirits to another various kinds of tongues and to another the interpretation of tongues. What does he mean here? Faith by the same spirit. Well this isn't the faith for salvation because no one is saved.

Without that faith that's given to any wills heart. But here it is a special spiritual gift remembers the subject is spiritual gifts a spiritual gift of faith. Paul is speaking here of the gift of faith to believers not Unbelievers which is special faith for special service. If you want an outstanding example it's that great man of God. George Miller of Bristol England who was used of God to carry on for a period of time in a wonderful way orphanages in Bristol then verse nine gifts of healing. This is the gift of calling the sick back to health and strength.

It's more than praying for some sick person who later on recovers. We have all done this type of praying but that's not the gift of healing mentioned here. It's a definite gift that does call the sick back to health and strength. And there was tremendous need in the early church for that very type of a miracle a gift to be displayed in the body of faith. Now in the foreign field if a believer is far from any of the medical aids and has one sick before him if that one has the gift of healing then this can be accomplished.

In other words let's not restrict God to saying he can never do this in any place in the world today. And verse 10 we read all the affecting or the effects of miracles works above natural law. Now I know we're living in a day when everything is a miracle. Anything that's sort of astounding is called a miracle. Hollywood has practically emptied our vocabulary of superlatives so we have to say a thing is not only fantabulous fantastic amazing surprising out of this world but we have to latch on to the word miracles.

We shouldn't do that miracles is a special biblical word means works deeds above natural law doesn't mean that God sets aside that natural law for good. A miracle can be illustrated by throwing a ball up into the air. And letting it fall to the ground. That's a working of a natural law. But I can also throw that ball up into the air but catch it before it falls to the ground. That's interposing another force that means my hand now a miracle is like that because if I throw a ball up a third time and don't interpose my hand it'll fall to the ground by the natural working of a natural law.

So miracles are the suspension for a purpose that God has when he works above natural law. Then what is the meaning in verse 10 of prophecy to another prophecy in the New Testament friends. It's not prediction. The New Testament sense of the word is not prediction. If

you want to see it it's in First Corinthians the 14th chapter and the third verse but one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation. So it is not the New Testament word prophecy doesn't mean in every case prediction. In this case it means preaching the word in the power of God so that the needs of his people are met and we have to remember that those of us who are preaching the word.

We may sometimes say I just love to preach on this subject. Well it's a wonderful thing to love to preach but even better and higher is to love the people we preach to and we have to preach to them according to their needs. What to think of a mother if she loved uh angel food cake and made nothing but angel food cake for the children. They'd certainly developed terrific physical ailments. You have to realize the needs of God's people. That's why the Spirit of God has put these gifts in the body and then continued on in verse distinguishing of spirits. The ability to evaluate people and determine their Verity their truthfulness or their falsehood.

People are not easily taught that it has to be from the Spirit of God. Some people are always making mistakes. Oh I thought so-and-so was going to be this are going to be that are going to be the other. Well you probably were going frankly you were going on the basis of your own insight and intuition. You better seek God's direction in matters like that and it's true there are some men who seem so capable so many times and most of the time to make the right decision to make the right evaluations of persons and personalities. Well that doesn't come naturally for a believer. It is a gift of the Blessed Holy Spirit. Then we read of kinds of tongues.

The gift of tongues was the ability to preach the gospel in languages that that person had never learned now to preach in a language one has never studied is a gift to the spirit. I myself have never seen it done. I've worked in about a score of them myself but that doesn't mean that

it's never been done was done in the early church and it doesn't mean that it couldn't be done today. I'm not ruling that out but I just say I've never seen it done. I'd love to have that gift and the interpretation. Notice here the interpretation of tongues. This is even more important. The other side of the gift of tongues of language is the ability to interpret the language though one has never learned it. You say wow that is miraculous. Well that's what we're talking about talking about these miraculous workings of the Spirit of God. And don't think they were not effective. They were tremendously effective. How do you know there is a church on earth today?

And the truth of the Gospel had a tremendous amount of opposition. You read in the Gospels there was opposition to the message of our Lord Jesus Christ. You read in Acts there was tremendous opposition to the preaching of the Gospel and the work of the spirit. When done by the Apostles and disciples opposition on every hand that was the order of the day. Well how did it ever gain a foothold? How did it ever remain? When empires and thrones and powers and nations and all passed away cultures and all the rest because the Spirit of God was behind this but one in the same spirit works all these things distributing to each one individually just as he wills. That's the key to the whole question. I wish you would circle that eleventh verse one and the same spirit. But they're not two.

They're not three holy spirits. There's not even one and a half. There is one Holy Spirit just as there is one God the Father and one God the Son one and the same spirit works all these things. He's working. He's not quiescent. He's not resting. He's working and what all these things all that have been mentioned from verse 8 through verse 10 and he remember he already prefaced it he introduced it by the word but to each one verse seven is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good for the common good but one and the same spirit works all these things distributing to each one individually it's not in packs. It's not in groups. It's not in families

it's not in tribes. It's not in nations. Individually just as you will no as I will no. As the church wills no. just as he capital H. The Holy Spirit wills just as he wants. That's the key to the whole question believe it. If the spirit of God wants you to have any of these gifts he will sovereignly give it to you. If it's not his will you will not have it. Don't go brooding and weeping over the gift you don't have.

What are you doing with the gift you do have? Think of the utter folly of insisting on having any gift. The spirit hasn't given or making any one of them a mark of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is just as he wills that means just as he wants. He has a sovereign will. Now the emphasis from verse twelve on is the unity in the body of Christ. What have we been talking about up to this point variety difference beautiful differences variety of gifts ministries effects. Now he wants to show unity beginning with verse twelve the unity in the human body is a figure of the church. Notice it for even as the body is one and we've already given in a previous broadcast we've given this as an illustration. For even as the body is one and yet has many members and all the members of the body though they are many are one body we don't have so many and so many bodies just because we have two hands doesn't mean we have two bodies two feet doesn't mean we have two bodies there and all these organs of the body.

Thank God members of the body though they are many are one body a unit so also is Christ the unity of the human body is a figure of the church. And do you know that the body is one of the clearest figures in the bible of the church. Oh it's seen as a bride seen as a building with Christ as the foundation stone seen as Christ the vine and we the branches and we the sheep and numerous really numerous figures and symbols are given of believers but one of the most oft given one of the emphasized one is the body. Why. Because the body is the most remarkable hear me most remarkable example of unity. That's a figure of the church the unity in the human

body. Think of the things that are discordant. Think of the things that could go wrong. You look at a person that may have some kind of a disease where the organs don't work together the hands don't work together the feet don't respond at all. Then you begin to realize a little bit of what you in your health compromise you compromise eyes to see and respond to the brain and the brain tells the hands and the ears hear correctly and the mouth speaks properly and the heart action. My dear friends there are no creature on earth comparable to the human body. Unity. Not only that the body beautifully illustrates an organism.

Now you may have on the table before you or if you're in a car listening you may have different things in the car. That here is something placed here there and the other place or somebody is speaking in front of a lectern he has his book here he has his Bible there he has his notebook there he has his lecture notes and so on. Now the roof wouldn't fall in if he changed that organization around and put the Bible to the right instead of the left and put the notebook to the left instead of the right and so on. No because that's organization. But don't you try to put your left ear or your right ear on the piano or on that chair opposite you no. That hurts. Why. Because the same life the body illustrates unity. It illustrates the same life. And it certainly illustrates cooperation. You know how you've been doing it ever since mother quit doing it for you when you were a little fellow a little girl little person the way she did it was she washed your ears and she washed your face and hands and so on but since then on your own you have done this your right hand has washed the left the left has wash the right and they both wash the face no labor and capital trouble there. There is real cooperation the hand can't say to the other one.

Well I've watched you so long I'm going to quit in the end the left hand says well I've watched you so many times I'm going to quit. Well that person would be strictly unfit for human society it would suffer all the while. Notice we read here even as the body is one yet has many

members and all the members of the body though they are many are one body so also is Christ. The original text reads the Christ means the church as united to her head in heaven making one complete body thank God. Verse thirteen for by one spirit oh what a verse. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks whether slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one spirit the same one Holy Spirit.

Who is the all-pervading one the all sovereign one the all directing organizing one by him. We in scripture here means believers were all not some and others left out of all we were all that means Jews and Gentiles. We were all baptized into one body. There is the unity and he says so whether Jews or Greeks Jews or Gentiles whether slaves or free no matter what your condition was say occupationally in the world of that day whether you were an employee or an employer. Whether you're rich or poor otherwise we were all made to drink or to partake to be the beneficiaries of one spirit here.

My dear friends verse thirteen we have the link that makes us all one in Christ a link that's unbearable. How did it take place? Why is it that after you're saved you feel much closer to your spiritual relatives than you ever did to your physical members of your family who are not in the faith? It's that link is the Blessed Holy Spirit. We have the link that makes us all one a link that's unbreakable indissoluble can never be dissolved. We are baptized by the Spirit of God into the body of Christ. You weren't asked what you want that the minute you were saved. The Spirit of God immediately baptized us into the body of Christ. No one someone has well said is baptized in the body of Christ until the Spirit of God dwells in him and the spirit comes to dwell only in people who've been born again and they're born again of whom the Spirit of God. You have to be born of the spirit. Spiritual birth physical birth will give you physical life spiritual birth is absolutely necessary to have spiritual life.

In our age there's no difference in time between a man's being born again being baptized in the body of Christ. There was a time when there were numbers of people who were born again by the Spirit but they were not indwelt by him because the Spirit of God didn't come until Acts 2 but with that that they were all baptized in to the one spirit Jews or Greeks. The old standing in the flesh holds good no longer. When I see a believer I don't say is he a Jew or is he a gentile. Is he white black green blue purple it suffices to know that he trusts the same Lord Jesus Christ? I've have been around the world more than once and have seen folk of all conditions and all positions and all creeds and all colors and I tell you it's marvelous to see the bond we have in Christ and whether slaves or free is not a matter of employer employee all are like in the body and we have been made to drink. Yes there it is. We were all made it wasn't our option. It is God's order.

We were all made to drink of one spirit all linked with the one body and enjoy fellowship in him. Thank God now for verse 14 to 17 here's a warning not to be discontent with the position given you in the body of Christ. Here it is for the body is not one member but many. We've been emphasizing the unity as originally we emphasized the variety. Now he says I want you to see that the unity doesn't mean there can't be variety in the unity but though the body is not one member. Do you mean that your whole body is one arm? Do you mean to tell me your body is just a foot? Do you mean to tell me your body is just a head no body is not one member but many if the foot should say because I'm not a hand I'm not a part of the body and oh if you don't.

You laugh probably as you read that but you ought to see how many people in the churches who are a foot being used of God to go on errands and so on. By the spirit of God and they say oh I wish I were a hand to administer things and so on and so I called the meeting to order and the like. My dear friends if the foot should say because I'm not a hand I'm not a part of

the body it's not for this reason any the less a part of the body all you think of is that the foot is acting silly and if the ear should say because I'm not an eye I'm not a part of the body it's not for this reason any the less a part of the body takes more than saying so if the whole body were an eye where would the hearing be if the whole were hearing where would the sense of smell be right. Warning us not to be uneasy to be discontent with the position given us in the body of Christ. God knows best since we still have the carnal natures after we are redeemed. There's so much opportunity for jealousy and strive to enter and especially if somebody has something that we think we ought to have one wants the position in the body that another has.

That's ridiculous you're saying in just so many words that you know better than the Spirit of God don't get to that place. That's very dangerous. And you and I are heading for a good disciplining. A good spanking cause you want a position of body another one has why. It was with reference to your own body. You can think of the disastrous results. For instance if a body were all ear you see or all eye if we're all ear. How could you see how could you see to go. Just look at it with a person who's blind. That person wouldn't want to change his sight for some other things it wants that. And if the whole body were an eye where would you hear. Where would you hear if your whole body were now you wouldn't have a hearing organ so you would be walking down a certain area and not realizing you were going over a precipice in a matter of moments?

You do need you need every part of the body you need the eye you need all so Verse 18 and 19. But now God has placed the members. Each one of them in the body just as he desired. And thank God it's beautiful the Psalmist says. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. I sometimes say jokingly fearfully means the man and wonderfully means the women. No it means all of us. We are fearfully and wonderfully made no one in the world. Darwin to the contrary notwithstanding we don't need for a split second to believe in that idiocy. I tell folk I'm

going to believe in the Darwinian Theory the minute they give us that link it's still the missing link and I'm going to tell you they're never going to find that link. No God has made the creation separate. The lower animals are lower and the higher animals are higher.

God has given lower animals bodies and souls but no creation of God has a soul as a spirit. I should say as man has he has a body soul and spirit. But now God has placed the members. Each one of them in the body just as he desired. And if they were all one member where would the body be. There is to be no jealousy no natural ambitions no striving against God's proper infinitely omniscient wisdom in doing it. There were numbers of people who are born again by the Spirit of God but they wanted some other place. Oh my friends these old standings cannot come in there's to be no jealousy no natural ambition now verses 20 and 21. But now there are many members but one body one eye the eye cannot say to the hand I have no need of you or again the head to the feet I have no need of you. On the contrary it's much surer that the members of the body would seem to be weaker are necessary.

You ever stop to think of that and those members of the body which we deem less honorable and these we bestow more abundant honor are unseemly members come to have more abundant seemliness as our seemingly members have no need of it you don't put a veil over your face but you do cover other portions of your body but God has so composed the body giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked that there should be no division in the body but that the members should have the same care for one another mutual dependence is indicated this should do away with the contempt that some believers feel for other believers and the place God's given them in the body. Don't you do that God hasn't called everybody into the ministry of the word no. No. Where would be those who would support the ministry? One may have a gift verse twenty two. That doesn't seem important to us but it may be very helpful to others you and

I are not the last word in the giving out of the gifts. No. And in verse 23 if there's any defect in the body how we seek to cover it up.

If a lady has a deformed ear she sees to it that her hair is fixed to cover it. Remember the story of the great conqueror that the artist knew had a very severe cut it was made by a sword in one of his great campaigns that. I think it was with regard to Alexander the artist in love had and in respect had that picture that he made cover it. He showed the conqueror with his hand on his face as though in it contemplative mood you cover it. We all seek to make the part not pleasing more beautiful by applying more care to it and then verses 24 and 25 there's to be mutual regard mutual regard one part taking care of another. That's the only way that the body can appear seemly to all concerned. Neither slaves nor the other. Oh friends. Let's heed this.

This is the way of peace. This is the way of congeniality. This is the way to manifest to the world how God can work in his church. In the early church the heathens said Behold how they love one another and our Lord Jesus himself said in the Gospel of John hereby shall all men know that you are my disciples if you get to know the Bible real well if you can expounded if you can put on a great meeting. No hereby shall all men know that you are my disciples. If you have love one to another may God grant that you and I will heed that word.

Announcer:

Dr. Feinberg's next talk in this series from First Corinthians will begin in just a few moments. In the meantime I'd like to remind you that free printed study notes for this series and a catalogue of other Bible study cassette tapes are available free by writing to a new standard for living post office box 5 9 9 9 Sunny Hills California 9 2 6 3 5. Now once again here is Dr. Feinberg with his next study and this verse by verse series from First Corinthians.

Feinberg:

In our last broadcast friends we were speaking of the marvelous way in which the Lord Jesus Christ by His Spirit makes all divergent all various all differing members of the body one. There is variety. There is unity and there is unity that blesses the variety and variety that blesses the unity and there is to be no looking down one upon another. No one putting on airs no one's saying I am employer and I am employee not bond not free. They tell us that a Christian worker once told of a visit to the beautiful palace of an English duchess a very humble Christian.

On the Lord's Day morning that Duchess took the visitor to a meeting where the Lord's Supper was celebrated and the word of God was expounded. When a man got up to expound the word to them the duchess whispered to the lady that is my coachman the Christian worker was a little surprised that this lady should go and listen to her coachman expound the word of God and she spoke to her later about it. Isn't it hard on your pride to have to listen to your coachman open the scriptures to you? And the duchess rightly replied in the church of God.

There is neither Jew nor Greek bond nor free that's slave or free. We are all one in Christ Jesus in the body of Christ. All earthly distinctions are set at naught my dear friends you and I don't take a great deal of time figuring out how we can set one hand against the other or the hands against the feet or the feet against the face. No we are thrilled that they all work together and that is what God meant them to me so that they should all have the same care for one another verse twenty five now in verse twenty six we read and if one member suffers all the members suffer with him. If one member is honored all the members rejoice with him. Injury to any part of

the body affects the whole body so it is in the body of Christ. And you remember in Romans Paul says we are to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

Oftentimes we find it's much easier to weep with those who weep. After all they've suffered some kind of a loss and we wouldn't want their loss anyhow and it's not as if it were any skin off our nose. We haven't lost in prestige or in self-image and all if there's come a loss to another so why not weep with them but to rejoice when they rejoice. Oh my somebody got a reward that you didn't get can you rejoice with those who rejoice if any member suffers all the members suffer with it. I sometimes illustrated it rather quaintly this way if a 500 pound weight fell on your right foot. Do you think that the rest of your body would throw a party to celebrate it? No. You'd hurt all over and hurt badly. If one member is honored all the members rejoice with it. Injury to any part of the body affects the whole body and that which is an honor to any member is an honor to the whole body.

So we read on now you are Christ's body and individually members of it and God has appointed in the church first apostles. Sounds like Ephesians four doesn't it. First Apostles second Prophets third teaches then miracles then gifts of healings helps administrations various kinds of tongues. Then the question. Verse 29 all are not apostles are they. The answer is negative no. All are not prophets are they the answer's no. All are not teachers are they? No. All are not workers of miracles are they. No. All do not have the gifts of healings do they no. all do not speak with tongues do they no. all do not interpret do they, no. but earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way. As we indicated already he is setting forth. Paul is Christ's provision for the building up of the church and when he speaks in verse 27 your Christ body stresses the unity among believers.

And then when he says individually members of it the individual is not lost in the whole mass but there is individual responsibility. Then verse twenty eight please mark alongside of your Bible there Ephesians chapter 4 verse 8 11 and 12. Notice that the gifts so highly regarded today and so much stressed are ranked among the least of all. Way at the end likes gifts of healings and tongues and interpretations of tongues. Those were important in their place and in certain given situations even today in the mission field they may be important but what about the more emphasized ones look apostles and prophets. You see we still have their witness in the church through the writings they left us in then in the New Testament and teachers. Well he still expounds the word of God.

One of the best known American pulpeters declared some time ago that expository preaching just the plain teaching of what the word of God means is the poorest kind of preaching hears it. An American pulpiteer well known said expository preaching is the poorest kind of preaching in the world. And he told why for the simple reason that it left so little scope for the imagination. Thank God for that. Thank God for that. Let's tell what God says not just what we imagine. No. And then miracles and healings if they still exist they're surely not in prominence.

And we do know they're exploited by many who are not genuine in this one. But then he mentions helps such as deacons in the church. Oh what to God. There were more who were willing to be just downright helps. I tell you when we get to glory we'll certainly see some of those who were so marvelously used of the Lord. Yes marvelous use of the Lord and didn't have a prominent place at all. Yes. Helps. We do give honor to the part that lacks brother came once to Leon Tucker started telling him quite a little about another preacher. Tucker said is it because

you loved this brother so much that you're telling me this. He turned very red. He didn't know how to answer him. All the members should have a concern one for another and helps are certainly tremendous.

They may not get a billboard space. But oh how important they are. And then he mentions administrations sometimes translated governments administrations the office of elder would comprise that gift and kinds of tongues kinds of tongues. Notice it's the last of all. And why is that. Because anybody can with a little intelligence learn a new language. It's done all the time. Even by unbelievers in most instances it's better that we should do that than to receive it miraculously so easy to want gifts without taking pains to exert oneself to attain them. Let's not be lazy and try to get God to cover up. No God is not going to give you a knowledge of the word even just by saying Oh I'd love to have a deep knowledge of the word it takes more than that more than that it takes more than a glass of cold water no. and so verses twenty nine and thirty as I read the answers are all in the negative notice it. Not one positive one there at all. The original is such that it expects a negative answer every single time.

Then 31 earnestly desire the greater gifts and I show you a still more excellent way. Seek those which are for the up building of the church and there's a most excellent way better than signs or wonders. What is it? It's the way of love expounded in chapter 13. Remember Romans 5:5. Yes. Love does not make it not a shame because the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given unto us the most excellent way or a still more excellent way. As we have it here in the NASB there used to be a little mission in the lower part of Manhattan in New York.

This is the more excellent way. There is a poor little Irish boy started going there and he got a good deal out of it. After a while his folks made a little more money and they moved from that part of the city and said now you must attend one of the more stylish churches. So they took him over and entered him in the Sunday school in their area to which they'd moved. Well he put in two Sundays there and the third Sunday. He was found a way down in the battery sitting in the little mission Sunday school. When he got back home his folks said oh Pat. Oh Pat we're so surprised at you. You embarrassed us. Why weren't you in the nice Sunday school? He said I wanted to go back to the other Sunday school. They said yes we know that that's why you went. But why did you want to go back to that one.

He hesitated they said come tell us why. And in his own true genuine way he said well they love a fellow down there. That's what brought him miles and miles down to the simple little mission. Love is the way the way of love. Chapter 13 oh to learn it oh to memorize it oh to live it the great expositor Campbell Morgan said and how right he was from the standpoint of literature. This is one of the most remarkable passages that ever came from the pen of man. And you know why it's so remarkable friends. It didn't just come from the pen of the Apostle Paul. It came not only from his pen. It came from his heart. And more than from his heart. It came from the Holy Spirit. In the twelfth chapter we have the gifts given by the glorified Christ through the Holy Spirit to the church in the 14th chapter we're going to have the employment or the use or the application of these gifts in the 13th chapter.

We have the atmosphere. For the spirit in which the gifts are to be exercised. This chapter reveals that gifts without love are useless and unprofitable. Now there were three words. There are those three words now too in Greek for love. One word it was Eros E R O S another word the verb Phileo from which we get philanthropists and Philadelphia numbers of other words. Eros is

the word that is basic to erotic. And so on Phileo philanthropy and so on. And Agape now Eros in Greek mythology stood for the God of love and has come to be used for the love of the physical only Phileo is used for the love of friends friendly affection Agape is the highest type of love the type which is the most understanding the most self-sacrificing the most all-embracing and the most self-effacing. Puts self aside. This last word Agape is the one that's found in first Corinthians 13. There it is. It's not the word that it is in the old version charity that was all right in the 17th century it meant more than it means now from [inaudible] in the Latin but you can't say charity in this passage for instance in verse three if I give all my possessions to feed the poor I deliver my body to be burnt But do not have charity if that isn't charity what is charity.

Probably nothing but to read it correctly as here in the NASB and if I give all my possessions to feed the poor if I deliver my body to be burned but do not have Love ah it profits mean nothing yes. That first word Eros you'll be glad to know is not found in the New Testament at all because it had acquired so many evil connotations and you can read the connotations and the combinations of it even in your unabridged Webster and you'll see why the New Testament would have no use for that word. Now the last word is made possible only by God and for believers only underscore Romans 5 5 the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit given unto us.

Announcer:

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