

**I Corinthians 12: 31b-13:1-13 The Excellence Of Love**  
**Part 2- I Corinthians 13:8-13 "Love Never Ends"**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

"Now through the Word of God, I know in part; then, in the presence of the Lord I will know fully, to the full extent that a redeemed finite human being can know and in a way similar in kind to the way the Lord in His infinite wisdom fully and infinitely knows me. The Corinthians, Paul implies, must not boast now of their gifts (cf. 13:4), for those gifts are nothing compared to what is in store for the Christians in heaven." *W. Harold Mare*

**V 8** Love will never come to an end. Prophecies and knowledge and tongues will one day all have served their purposes and will be rendered obsolete, but not so with love. *Lowery, D. K.*

**V 12** We see in imperfection now, like the mirrors in state parks made of metal, blurred, and distorted reflections. Imagine what it will be like when believers experience the splendor of perfect vision, forget 3D, this may be 4D! Partial knowledge will then be replaced with perfect knowledge of God.

**V 13** "Faith and hope reside alongside love, making a trinity of virtues that every believer ought to have. It is true that each believer will not possess all the spiritual gifts, but it is equally true that every believer should possess faith, hope and love-but of the three, incomparably, the greatest is love." *Patterson, Paige.*

Prophecy and knowledge will be done away with. (to reduce to inactive, made inoperative). These are in the passive tense, someone or something outside of itself will cause them to stop.

Tongues will cease. Cease is in the middle voice, this means that they will intentionally, in voluntary action upon itself stop. The cause comes from within. This gift will stop itself. Like a battery, it has a limited energy supply, a limited lifespan if you will. The gift of tongues ended with the apostolic age.

Historians and theologians of the early church unanimously agree that tongues stopped after the time of the apostles. *MacArthur, John*

**APPLICATION:**

In light of what we have studied today in this passage, meditate on **Matthew 22:34-40**, "34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. 35 And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: 36 "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?"

37 He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." (CSB)