



“Let’s Rise in the Way of Love”  
I Corinthians 13:1-13  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Questions for Application and Fellowship

## MY STORY

1. Take a shot at writing a concise definition of Christian love. Compare your definition with the others in the group.

## QUICK REVIEW

The people of Corinth were gifted richly by the Holy Spirit. But it seems the Corinthians allowed themselves to become enthralled and fixated on one particular gift of the Spirit, speaking in tongues. Through I Corinthians 12-14, Paul addresses their need to appreciate the full span of the Spirit’s gifts and to implement them with love and concern for others.

I Corinthians 13 is Paul’s famous hymn of love. Recognizing it’s lyrical and poetic beauty, we receive it first with the correction and instruction it was given to provide.

### **To fill us with the fruit of love...**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love is asserted (13:1-3)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love is described (13:4-7)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love is proclaimed (13:8-13)

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read I Corinthians 12:4-7 and Galatians 5:22-23. How do we distinguish between the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit? Which is the greater manifestation of the Spirit's fullness?
2. "It's easier to be active in church work than it is to be loving." Do you agree or disagree? How could someone suggest that? What do verses 1-3 have to say about that tendency?
3. Reflect on the qualities of love listed in I Corinthians 13:4-7. Which one or two of these tests of agape do you have the most trouble with? How has the struggle to love manifested itself in your life?
4. How can we grow in love for our brothers and sisters in Christ? Perhaps these passages will prompt some ideas: John 15:1-17; Galatians 5:16-26; Acts 2:42-27; Colossians 3:1-16. Can you think of more?