

1 Cor.13:1-3 Spiritual Gifts and Christ's Love

1 Cor. 12:28 And God has appointed [set in place] in the church,

- first apostles,
- second prophets,
- third teachers,
- then miracles,
- then gifts of healings,
- helps,
- administrations,
- *various* kinds of tongues.

1 Cor. 12:31a But earnestly desire the greater gifts.

1 Cor. 12:31b And I show you a still more excellent way.

The Necessity of Love 1 Cor. 13:1-3*

1. The First Cycle 13:1

- a. The Assumed Condition – speaking in tongues
- b. The Assumed Absence – *agape* love
- c. The Certain Result – only noisy sounds

2. The Second Cycle 13:2

- a. The Assumed Condition – know all mysteries, all knowledge and all faith
- b. The Assumed Absence – *agape* love
- c. The Certain Result – I am nothing

3. The Third Cycle 13:3

- a. The Assumed Condition – give all my possessions and give body to be burned
- b. The Assumed Absence – *agape* love
- c. The Certain Result – it profits me nothing

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