

Sunday School Lesson

October 2, 2022

Faith Requires Mutual Love

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**Hebrews 13:1-3;
1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

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Questions for Us Today

How much love do we show to one another?

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How much hospitality do we show to one another?

How much compassion do we show to one another?

Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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- 1. To understand the messaging, in today's text, of the Hebrews writer regarding love, hospitality and compassion.**
- 2. To understand the messaging, in today's text, of the Apostle Paul regarding love.**

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Hebrews

3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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5. Points of Information: Corinthians

6. Lesson Context

7. Lesson Text

8. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Hebrews

The authorship of the Book of Hebrews is unknown. Its writing has been variously attributed to Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Luke, Priscilla, Apollos or others.

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Most Biblical scholars, however, are certain that the Apostle Paul is not the author.

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Context – Hebrews

In today's Hebrews text from Chapter 13, the writer reminds readers of the importance of brotherly love, hospitality and compassion.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

Hebrews 13:1-3

A Plea for Brotherly Love

Hebrews 13:1-3 (NLT)

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.

Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.

Points of Information – 1 Corinthians

The Apostle Paul is the author of this letter to the people in the City of Corinth. He wrote this Epistle while he was in Ephesus, around 55 A.D.

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1 Corinthians 16:8

Points of Information – 1 Corinthians

Corinth was a major commercial city before and during the lifetime of the Apostle Paul. It was multicultural and multi-ethnic, with lots of moral depravity surrounding the Christian believers -- Jew and Gentile.

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Here, the Apostle Paul established a church during his second missionary journey and he stayed in Corinth for approximately 18 months.

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Context – 1 Corinthians

In Chapter 12, the Apostle Paul wrote about the gifts of the Spirit.

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In today's text from Chapter 13, the Apostle declares that the manifestation of love is greater than all of the spiritual gifts.

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Text – UMI Outline #2

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Love is the Basis of Our Faith

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

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If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

If I gave everything to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

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Text – UMI Outline #3

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1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is the Proof of Our Gifts

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

1 Corinthians 13:6-7

It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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Text – UMI Outline #4

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Love is Permanent

1 Corinthians 13:8-9

Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture!

1 Corinthians 13:10-11

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But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things.

1 Corinthians 13:12

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Now we see things imperfectly like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Three things will last forever – faith, hope and love – and the greatest of these is love.

Remember these things:

God loves us a lot, as evidenced in John 3:16!

We should – no, we must love one another, as Christ Jesus told us to do. John 13:34-35.

Remember this:

Read your Bible every day.

B - Basic

I - Instructions

B - Before

L - Leaving

E - Earth

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