

1 Corinthians: True Freedom is Peace in Christ

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Freedom to have to live in loving service to other/not One's Self..

Read I Cor. 13...

1. Why does Paul not here recommend taking a spiritual gift survey to see how you must fit together with your brothers and sisters in the church. How are spiritual gift surveys exactly the opposite of Paul's solution to divisions caused by jealousy surfaced in Ch. 12?
2. What aspects of love make it more important than faith and hope? But in expressing love in this world why must faith be the master of love, if love is more important than faith (see vs. 6)?

I Corinthians 14...

Vs. 1-19.... What is being contrasted in this section wrt 'speaking in tongues'? Is this identical to the modern 'charismatic' phenomenon of 'speaking in tongues'?

Vs. 20-25... Tongues are called here only a sign to unbelievers. Why? What is it a sign of? Notice the constant mutual exclusivity of 'speaking in tongues' and 'prophecy.' What does this say about the preaching task today?

Vs. 26ff... What principles must be observed according to the Spirit who inspired Paul wrt to church order? Why are these 'church orders' and not commands? Or are they? How does the order of teaching relate to the order of authority in Ch. 11. 1f? Why is order important (Consider the Father and the Son in the Godhead)?

Next Week: I Corinthians 15; the great Easter Chapter....