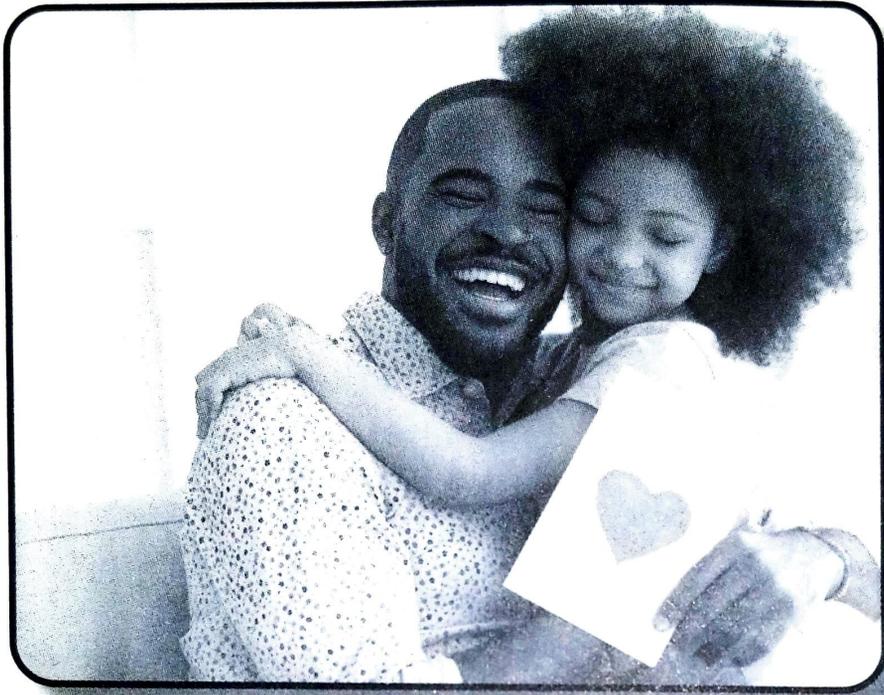


# Love Unlimited



## The Gift of Love

**13** If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.<sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.<sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant<sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;<sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.<sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.<sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;<sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.<sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.<sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.



**get excited!**

(5 minutes)

Decode the words.

### Verse to Remember

"Faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
and the greatest of these is love."  
1 Corinthians 13:13

## key verse exercise

Write the numbers below from least to greatest. Then write the words under the matching numbers to show the Verse to Remember.

452

and love

541

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406

Faith

505

abide

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Numbers:

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Verse to Remember:

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**read and learn!**  
(10 minutes)

**ZION AND ZAYA TALK  
ABOUT HOW GOD'S LOVE  
IS UNLIMITED**

**ZION** - One of the followers of Jesus in the early church was named Paul. He went from place to place teaching and preaching about Jesus. He started many churches. He didn't stay at one place long but he often wrote them letters after he left. One of the churches he wrote letters to was the church in Corinth.

**ZAYA** - The Corinthians thought that spiritual gifts such as teaching, preaching, generosity or the willingness to be giving, wisdom and knowledge, and healing were very important. However, Paul wrote the Corinthians a letter and explained that the greatest spiritual gift was the gift of love. Paul said that without love, the other gifts were not helpful at all.

**ZION** - Paul was not talking about love as a feeling. He was talking about love that can be seen in action. He was talking about love that causes us to act like Jesus toward other people.

**ZAYA** - In his letter, Paul taught about two other spiritual gifts: faith and hope that were very important. Faith was a gift that Paul described as belief in the power of God so that even miracles could happen. Hope was having confidence in the future so that a person is not afraid of what will happen in the future.

**ZION** - But Paul said that love is greater than hope or even faith. I think he said this because if a person has love, then that person will have faith in God. That person believes that good things will happen and hopes that the future will be good, not just for oneself but for other people also.

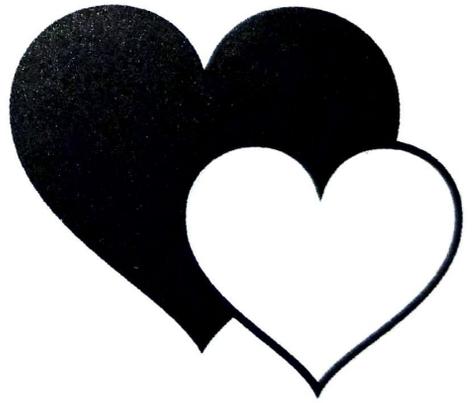
**ZAYA** - I really like the part in the letter when Paul describes love in so many ways. He said: (1) Love is patient toward other people, even when they do not do right. (2) Love is kind to others. (3) Love is not envious of other people and what they have or achieve. (4)

Love does not have a "big head," It does not have to be rewarded after doing something good. (5) Love is not rude to other people. (6) Love doesn't just look after itself but also looks after the needs of other people. (7) Love does not become irritated easily by when other people do things we don't like. (8) Love does not hold grudges. (9) Love does not love evil and does not think evil of other people, but love is happy with the truth.

**ZION** - Then Paul emphasized that love is really strong. I would summarize number 10 like this: Love is very complete. Paul said, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." Paul was still talking about our actions of love toward others. If we have love, we continue to be patient with others about everything. Love always believes the best about others unless something bad about them is proved. Love always hopes

for the best in the future even when there is a lot of trouble as we are having now during the COVID-19 crisis.

**ZAYA** - Paul says that love will never end. Some of our abilities will end, but love will not end. Faith, hope, and love—these three gifts will stay for us forever even if we do not have any earthly possessions and even if we do know and understand a lot of things. These three gifts can be ours forever, but the greatest of these three gifts is love.





**rise up!**

(30 minutes)



It's time to work with Zion and Zaya on this week's **SUPERHERO CHALLENGE: "THE LOVE CHALLENGE."** Help Zion and Zaya celebrate the ways children are doing their best to be loving.

## what do you think?

Why is love better than the gifts we get on our birthdays or at Christmas?

## time to create

Make a "More Like Love" journal.

## time to pray

Lord, thank You for the gift of love. Help us to become more like love every day. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.