

The greatest of
these...

In the context...

- The familiar takes new meaning
- Hearing it fresh or seeing with clear eyes
- Increases understanding and application

1 Corinthians 13

- The "Love" Chapter
 - Most read Scripture at weddings
 - Top 10 Scriptures read online
 - Beautiful, challenging picture of how God defines love

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- A working definition of Love

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- This servant attitude mirrors what we see in the life of Jesus and what Paul instructs us to do in 1 Corinthians 13

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- No wonder Jesus says this will show the world we belong to Him!

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- **Love is the greatest of all**

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- Christ-like Love for the Body of Christ will: impact our gifts, actions, emotions; seek truth and restoration: bring life and hope into all circumstances; and its presence or absence is known eternally.

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- What you do and don't do here - if your motive is rooted in self or pride or control - is obnoxious to God

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- Gates of hell cannot prevail against this Body...
As long as we sacrificially Love one another.

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- Do ask God to open your heart and mind to go where He leads as we explore this together