"LOVE, LOVE, LOVE"

TEXT: I Corinthians 13:1-13

(vs.#1) Tongues (I Cor. 14:1-40) without God's love is just NOISE!

(vs.#2) "Gifts" of the Spirit (I Cor. 12:6-11) do not matter without God's love

(vs.#3) Sacrificial giving is good (II Cor. 9:6 & 7) (Luke 6:38) whether materially, financially or physically, but without God's love it is worthless on God's "scales" of eternity and motives, etc.

(vs.#4) Love is patient, kind, doesn't envy (I P.2:1) and is humble (I P. 5:5 / Phil. 2:3)

(vs.#5) Love displays good behavior. (John 8:29) Seeks not one's self. (Matt. 6:33) Doesn't get angry easily. (Eph. 4:26) Doesn't think evil thoughts. (Phil. 4:8)
(vs.#6) Doesn't rejoice in sin. (Ro. 6:23) Rejoices in the Truth. (John 17:17) (John 14:6)

(vs.#7) Forebears. (Col.3:13) Believes. (Mark 11:24) Hopes. (Heb. 11:1) Endures. (James 1:12)

(vs.#8) Love doesn't fail. (prophecies and tongues can fail and even be in the "flesh" sometimes. Knowledge can be out-dated with the changes in technology.

(vs.#9) We only have limited knowledge here on this earth compared to the knowledge we'll have in heaven. (Habakkuk 2:14 - "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

(vs.#10) Spiritual maturity leaves the childish immaturity behavior and thinking patterns. When "that which is perfect" (Jesus & His soon return) or His Word gets revealed deeper in our hearts, we grow closer to Him in His love and wisdom. (Prov. 4:7)
(vs.#11) Grow up. Mature. Leave the baby stage after a reasonable amount of time. (Eph. 4:14) (Heb. 5:12) (I Cor. 3:1 & 2)

(vs.#12) Our spiritual knowledge will still be limited (to some degree) on this earth. Someday, in heaven, we will understand the deeper revelations of God even better! "Face to face" will reveal much to us someday in heaven.

(vs.#13) Faith. (Heb. 11:6) Hope. (Heb. 11:1) Love. (Eph. 3:17-19) (Gal. 5:6 - ..."faith worketh by love.")