

# The Mark of Love

NINE MARKS #1 - Pastor Gary Combs – May 17, 2015 - Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 13

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (ESV) <sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not 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 have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not 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 at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <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 a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

## Bearing Christ's mark of love:

### 1. Let Christ's love \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV) For Christ's love compels us...

1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (NIV) ... We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's love as your example and empowerment.

1 John 4:7-10 (NLT) Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is born of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. **This is real love.** It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ's love for lasting relationships with God and others.

Romans 8:35-39 (NIV) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 13:35 (NIV) By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."