

The Value and Victory of Love  
(I Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-10; 14:1)

Any of Our Practice without Love as Its Source and Goal Profits Us Nothing- I Cor 13:1-3

- Spiritual "Math":  $5 > \underline{100}$ ;  $100 > \underline{10,000}$  - Lev 26:8

$1 > \underline{1,000}$ ;  $2 > \underline{10,000}$  - Deut 32:30

$1 = \underline{365,000}$  - II Pet 3:8

$1 + 1 = \underline{1}$  - I Cor 6:17

$X (\text{gifts}) - L (\text{love}) = \underline{0}$

The Value of Love:

- Without Love, Your Standard Is All Wrong

...no language ...no knowledge ...no miraculous power ...no offering can make up for  
the lack of love - I Cor 13:1-3

...your conclusions will always be off when your standard is wrong

- Without Love, Your Story Is Also Wrong - I Cor 13:8-10

...The Christian Story is a love affair - Jo 3:16; Eph 1:4-5

...This love affair is the aim of creation and the goal of history - Col 1:16; Rev 19:7

...Love has the place of supremacy in God's story - Matt 22:37-40; II Tim 1:5; Col 3:14;  
Jo 13:34-35; Ga 5:6

= BE MORE ZEALOUS TO LOVE THAN TO \_\_\_\_\_ - I Cor 14:1

The Victory of Love:

- The Cross of Jesus Christ Demonstrates the Unfailing Nature of God's Love - Ro 5:8; Jo 13:1

...Only the sacrificial Love of God is able to defeat all our enemies - Ro 8:37-39

...His triumph is the triumph of love - II Cor 2:14

- His Love Never Fails - I Cor 13:8

...Jesus' faith was that the love of His Father would have the final word - Ga 2:20

...We make it our objective to love - I Cor 14:1