

THE GIFT OF LOVE
(I Corinthians 13)

A Life of Perfect Love Now Resides Within Us - I Jo 4:13

A Lordship of Love Is to Reign Over Us - II Cor 5:14

The Perfect Love of God Is Foundational to Life - Ps 63:3

- Agape is the foundation of the universe - Gen 1, Jo 1, Col 1
- Agape is the foundation of our imageness - Gen 1:26; Eph 1:3,4
- Agape is the foundation of all other loves - I Jo 4:7,19

The Perfect Love of God Can Only Be Received, Never Achieved - I Jo 4:10

- We must choose to receive God's gift of love - Jo 1:12
 - ...and enter into an operational oneness with Him - I Jo 4:17
- We become "gift lovers" - Matt 10:8

Gift Lovers Live from an Infinite Supply and an Inner Compelling - I Jo 4:19; Ga 2:20

- We freely received an infinite supply of the Divine Nature - II Pet 1:3-4; I Jo 4:8
 - ...His love in me for others will never die
- We freely received an inner compelling of Divine Love - II Cor 5:14
 - ...His love in me compels me to address need

Gift Lovers Invest in an Interrelated Community of Shared Life - I Jo 3:16

- Love requires relationships to be made real
 - ...in which we share life together in Christ - I Jo 1:3
- Love requires us to renounce self-interest as the basis for reality - Phil 2:3-4

Gift Lovers Embrace Their Mission to the World - Acts 1:8; II Cor 5:20

- Christ serves us to the world - Jo 20:21
 - ...our lives become the roads God travels
- The only thing to do with "Gift Love"? GIVE IT AWAY! - Matt 10:8
 - ..."He who does not love abides in death." - I Jo 3:14