

Choosing the More Excellent Way  
I Corinthians 13

Disagreement Is Excusable, Unlovingness Is Not!

- God never blesses lovelessness - I Co 13:1-3
- The "more excellent way" is the way of Christ

Who Love Is:

- God is love - I Jo 4:8
  - ...a rebel is someone who refuses love - Ro 5:8-10
  - ...God loves rebels - Jo 3:16; I Co 13:4-7
- In Christ, we see how love lives - I Co 13:4-7
  - ...in Jesus Christ and His cross, we see the face/heart of God - I Jo 4:9,10

The Love of God Can Only Be Received, Never Achieved - I Jo 4:14-16

- None of us is born with love - Eph 4:18; 2:12
  - ...we must be born again to receive this love - Jo 3:8; Jo 1:12
- We become what we receive - I Jo 4:17
  - ...we were created to love and to be loved

Experiencing the More Excellent Way:

- Choose to present yourself to God - Ro 12:1-2
  - ...get lost in His love for you - I Jo 4:18-19
  - ..."express Your love as me"
- Choose to be present to others - I Jo 2:2; Phil 2:3-7
  - ...refuse the self-focused, self-conscious life - Jo 20:21
  - ...practice the presence of others by looking with love, not just for it
  - ...practice the presence of others by emptying of our concerns - Phil 2:7
- Choose to give specific presents/gifts of love - I Co 13:4-7
  - ...address needs - Eph 4:29
  - ..."pursue love" in order to express it - I Co 14:1