

The Absolutes of Love  
(I Corinthians 13:8-13)

The Love of God Is an Absolute - He Is No Fluctuating Source! - Heb 13:8; Ja 1:17

Agape Has an Absolute Permanency - I Cor 13:8

- Its permanency makes love unconquerable - Heb 7:16; Song of Sol 8:7
- Its permanency makes love always available
- Agape never fails to glorify God

Agape Has an Absolute Perfection - I Cor 13:9-12

- We will never grow up until we lose ourselves as our point of reference - I Cor 13:11
- We will never see clearly until we see through the lens of love - I Cor 13:12
  - ...revelation - clear seeing - is for lovers - Jo 14:21
- We will never think intelligently until we think in the presence of love - I Cor 2:16

Agape Has the Absolute Pre-eminence - I Cor 13:13; Col 3:14

- Faith will become sight; hope will be realized... love will remain
- Faith and hope are human; Agape is Divine - I Jo 4:8
  - ...agape is the fire that gives faith its warmth
  - ...agape is the light that gives hope its vision
- Agape is pre-eminent because it cannot be used by evil
  - ...only in love do we give up ourselves for the sake of others - Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10