## THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY: THE WAY OF UNCEASING LOVE – I Corinthians 13:8-13

## God's Love Has An Absolute Permanency – I Cor 13:8

- It is a "holy constant" that never falls, fades, or fails I Cor 13:7-13
  - ...when we are too busy giving ourselves to what is passing away, we don't learn how to be at home in what lasts forever I Jo 2:15-17
- God's love never fails to glorify God I Cor 10:31-33

## God's Love Has An Absolute Perfection to It - I Cor 13:9-10

- Children are natural "me-ologians" I Cor 13:11; Prov 22:15
  - ...there is a time to do away with childish things ("me-ologies")- I Cor 13:11
  - ...we will never grow up until we lose ourselves as our point of reference Eph 4:14-16; Phil 2:3-4
  - ...too much of our church activity is "child's play" until we enter into living for the sake of others Jo 17:19; Il Cor 5:14
- Deficient mirrors yield dim, distracted, unrefined images I Cor 13:12
  - ...it is self interest that makes life such an "enigma" (riddle) II Tim 3:2-5
  - ...we will never see clearly, realistically until we look through the lens of God's unceasing love Matt 7:3-5; Col 3:12-14; I Jo 4:11,18-19

Paul's More Excellent Way Is to Give Prominence to Love – I Cor 13:13

- Faith will become sight, hope will be realized... but God's love is unceasing I Cor 13:13
  - ...faith and hope are human; love is Divine I Jo 4:8
- God's unceasing love is given in the gift of His Son Jo 1:12; 4:10; I Jo 4:7-11
  - ...there is no situation in which we cannot love... NOT EVEN FROM A CROSS! Jo 19:30; Phil 2:8