

LABOR OF LOVE ~ Week 5
Love Never Fails

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. ... Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ...

For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

If they were all one member, where would the body be?

~ 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7, 14-19

All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:29-31

Love never fails... ~ 1 Corinthians 13:8a

~ EKPIPTO - GREEK ~

**to fall out, to fall off, to fall down, to be cast away,
to fall powerless, to fall to the ground, to be without effect,
to fade away, to wither away, to lose, to forfeit**

... but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.

~ 1 Corinthians 13:8b

~ KATARGEÓ - GREEK ~

**to bring to naught, to sever, to abolish, to make idle, to make of
no effect, to annul, to discharge, to render inert, to make
completely inoperative or to put out of use**

For we know in part and we prophesy in part; ~ 1 Corinthians 13:9

but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

~ 1 Corinthians 13:10

~ TELEIOS - GREEK ~

perfect, or complete, or fully grown, or mature, of full age

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

~ 1 Corinthians 13:12

~ ESOPTRON - GREEK ~

a highly polished metallic mirror of Paul's time

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. ~ John 17:20-23

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

~ 1 Corinthians 13:11

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

~ Matthew 24:35

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ~ Revelation 21:1



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