

# God's Higher Gifts

"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13 (English Standard Version)

1 Corinthians 12:31 - There were \_\_\_\_\_ gifts for these Christians.

## Identifying "The Higher Gifts" Of Our Text

- A. The larger context (1 Corinthians 12-14) discusses the use and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ gifts in Corinth.
- B. Where "the higher gifts" miraculous gifts?
  1. 1 Corinthians 12:31 - *megas charisma* translates " \_\_\_\_\_ gifts" (the NKJV has " \_\_\_\_\_ gifts").
  2. 1 Corinthians 14:1 - A gift to be desired was \_\_\_\_\_, which would be more beneficial for \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. 1 Corinthians 13 - \_\_\_\_\_ is the way to use any of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Were "the higher gifts" non-miraculous?
  1. 1 Corinthians 13:13 - Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of these.
  2. When the miraculous \_\_\_\_\_, these three would \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Gifts Of Faith, Hope, And Love

### A. *The gift of faith:*

1. "Faith" is from the same Greek root as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Hebrews 11:6 - Without faith we can't \_\_\_\_\_ God.
3. Romans 10:17 - Faith comes from \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and that word is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
4. 2 Corinthians 5:7 - We \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, not by \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. *The gift of hope:*

1. Hope is the \_\_\_\_\_ we aim for.
2. Romans 8:24,25 - Hope \_\_\_\_\_ us, and helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ for what we desire even when we can't \_\_\_\_\_ it.
3. Hebrews 6:19 - Hope is an \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. *The gift of love:*

1. Matthew 22:36-40 - The \_\_\_\_\_ command is to \_\_\_\_\_ God; the \_\_\_\_\_ greatest is to love our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Colossians 3:14 - Love \_\_\_\_\_ everything together.
3. 1 Corinthians 13:7,8a - Love enables us to do \_\_\_\_\_ things. It never \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 1 John 4:19 - We love because He \_\_\_\_\_ loved \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 11:8-10,13 - \_\_\_\_\_ is one of many examples of those who \_\_\_\_\_ because of faith, hope, and love.

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