

Ch 1: Stop bragging about people and who is smarter. The only one worth boasting about is Jesus and what he has done.

Ch 2: The true wisdom is in God. It is not to inform us of something new but to transform those who believe into someone new.

Ch 3: We shouldn't be stuck as spiritual infants. We can experience the genuine transformation that happens when we follow the lead of the Holy Spirit.

Ch 4: Our sense of identity, our purpose in life, and our hope in the judgment after life all depend on Jesus. Are we connected to Him or looking to others?

Ch 5: The church is a hospital for broken, sinful people. But as God works in us he asks us to have a healthier standard of relationships and sex than the rest of the world.

Ch 6: Paul has a strong warning to those who are taking advantage of others. He also has a call to those being wronged, to trust God and seek help within the church.

Ch 7a: Marriage is intended to be a beautiful life-long relationship. But sometimes it is not quite as simple. Paul explains the rare cases when we should get out.

Ch 7b: Finding the good life is not about finding the perfect situation but finding God in our situation. We can trust Him right where we are.

Ch 8: There are lots of disputable matters in life. Instead of fighting over who is right and who is wrong, we should love one another.

Ch 9: We can share in Paul's amazing passion and sacrifice to bring the good news about Jesus to others. This work is not to earn God's favor--we were already given that freely in Jesus.

Ch 10: We can stand firm in the security of our committed relationship with Jesus, understanding his grace, not straying from it, and appreciating it for what it really is.

Ch 11: Ch 11: In the family of God, those under authority are called to willingly submit. And those in authority are called to be loving, servant leaders. This is the example of Jesus and the picture of God.

Ch 12: We are all valuable, each with different gifts. Only together and through the power of the Holy Spirit, do we form a complete healthy unit.

And now I will show you the most excellent way...

The Most Excellent Way

1 Corinthians 13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ 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. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

In Christ I can _____ of God—Love

1 John 4:7-12 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

“God’s love is the greatest power in the universe. It changed the course of history. It can change our world today. It can revolutionize your family, your neighborhood, your workplace, and your church. Nothing—absolutely nothing—can overcome it. -Bill Bright

People I will **love by faith:**
As a channel of God’s true,
unconditional love.