

## Youth Bible Study Lesson 17

Memory verse – II Cor. 5:14, 15

Some final looks at charity.

I Cor. 13:8 Charity never faileth

Charity, God's love in operation will never diminish, fail or cease to retain all its power and authority. Much the same as in Luke 16:17 of God's law, "And it is easier for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, than \_\_\_\_\_ tittle of the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."

According to our verse in I Cor. 13:8, when will charity fail?

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In I Cor. 13:8 the need for continued \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall all fail, cease and vanish away. But not charity! God's provision of prophecy, tongues and knowledge would come to an end when that which is \_\_\_\_\_ is come vs. 10. It is the perfect Word of God. The completed word of God put an end to God's method of revealing His word through any and all other methods. If you're waiting for "still small voices" or "feelings" or "intuition" or "dreams" or any other means other than the written word of God to hear God speak you've missed vs. 10 of I Cor. 13!

But charity, the operational love of God will never cease to carry on all the activity of God.

Col. 3:14 "and above all these things put on \_\_\_\_\_, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

What are the all things that charity is above? Col. 3:12, 13

1. bowels of \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of mind
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ one another
7. \_\_\_\_\_ one another

Charity is described in Col. 3:14 as the "bond of perfectness". What does that mean?

Look at Eph. 4:3. What bond do we find here? The bond of \_\_\_\_\_. And Acts 8:23 we find the bond of \_\_\_\_\_. Bond in these references signifies that which holds together producing a result or outcome, whether peace, iniquity or perfectness.

Charity is the bond (God's love operating in us) that will be the glue, the motivation, the well spring, the fountain, the constraining force that will accomplish the desired goal, perfectness!.

### Lesson 17 Continued

It can't be said better than I Tim. 1:5 "Now the \_\_\_\_\_ (goal, aim) of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_."

What will produce the Christian life in each of us is the constraining love of God flowing through our lives. It will manifest itself in all the facets of I Cor. 13 that we have studied.

II Cor. 5:14 "For the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (picks us up and carries us along) us..."

When Timothy came to Paul he brought \_\_\_\_\_ of the Thessalonians faith and \_\_\_\_\_ in I Thess. 3:6.

What abounded in each of the Thessalonian believers toward each other in II Thess. 1:3 ? \_\_\_\_\_

Hopefully good tidings are being broadcast far and wide concerning our charity. And hopefully others are experiencing charity (the operational love of God) as we example it to them.

In closing, let's finish the 13th chapter of I Cor. 13. In verse 12 Paul says that now they see through a glass \_\_\_\_\_, but then face to \_\_\_\_\_. The now is when there was only partial knowledge. Before the word of God was complete. The then is when all the revelation from God would be completed. He draws an analogy to this in vs. 11 where he compares having the knowledge of a child which produced childish things and the knowledge of a man which caused him to put away childish things. I hope none of you are still going to bed with your favorite blanket for security.

In vs.12 what is Paul going to see when the then comes (completed word of God)?? \_\_\_\_\_

Wonder of wonders, glory of glory!! The face of Jesus Christ. I'm in awe of this verse. We come face to face with Jesus Christ on every page of scripture. There is a famous Christian artist who sings a song I love, We Shall Behold Him, Then Face to Face. In this song it is referring to seeing our Lord in heaven. As wonderful as that day will be, don't wait til then to know Him. As believers we know Him as our Savior. The one who loved us and gave Himself for us. But are you still getting to know Him, face to face? The main burning desire of the Apostle Paul is found in Phil. 3:10 "That I may \_\_\_\_\_ him."

Dear saint, I pray that as we study the word of God we will come face to face with Jesus Christ in a complete understanding of who He is. Bible study then becomes an exciting time of getting to know our Savior.

Yes we will behold Him in glory but hopefully it will be as someone we've already seen and know well from looking into His face on every page of His Word.

Next week we will return to our verse in I Tim. 4:12 and move on to the next area that we as believers are to example.

## Lesson 17 Answers and Comments

Additional lesson 16 answers.

Love  
God  
Hearts  
Name  
Lord  
Jesus  
Christ  
Glorified

Lesson 17 answers

Heaven	forgiving
Earth	peace
Pass	iniquity
One	end
Law	commandment
Fail	charity
Never	love
Prophecies	constraineth
Tongues	good
Knowledge	tidings
Perfect	charity
Charity	darkly
Bond	face
Perfectness	Jesus Christ
Mercies	know
Kindness	
Humbleness	
Meekness	
Longsuffering	
Forbearing	

Many believers go through their life wondering, searching, pleading, praying, and agonizing over what is God's will for my life? May I gently suggest that it has been revealed! For starters we are to be an example of the believer in six areas according to our verse in I Tim. 4:12. When we are being an example, we are in the will of God.

Col. 1:9 sheds great light on the so called "mysterious and elusive", will of God. (As if God is keeping His will a secret from His children) "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

The sound doctrine of the word of God will fill us with the knowledge of the will of God enabling us to know and do the will of God in our lives.