

**SERMON SERIES**  
**UNITING IN WORSHIP**  
**“WORSHIP WITHOUT LOVE IS NOT WORSHIP”**  
**1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3**  
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**I. Grace gifts reveal God’s generosity for growth (12:27-30).**

*“you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”*

*“God has appointed”*

*“1st apostles, 2nd prophets, 3rd teachers”*

*“then miracles ... gifts of healing, healing, administrating and various kinds of tongues”*

*“This is the divine reality which they are to grasp and live by. They are to become in practice what they are by the grace and mercy of God.”* -Paul Barnett

**II. Gifts without love gain nothing (12:31-13:3).**

*“earnestly desire the higher gifts.”*

*“will show you a still more excellent way.”*

3x *“have not love”*.

*“tongues of men and angels”*

*“I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal”*

*“understand all mysteries and knowledge”*

*“remove mountains ... I am nothing”*

*“all I have ... deliver up my body to be burned... gain nothing”*

**Isaiah 6:8-13; 29:13-14**

**Daniel 3**

**Matthew 15:8-9**

**1 Corinthians 1:19**

“A loveless ‘martyr mentality’ can be a selfish form of attention seeking.”

*-Paul Barnett*

“By themselves, your spiritual gifts attest to nothing spiritual about you.”

*-D.A. Carson*

### **III. Our love is a manifestation of God’s love in Christ.**

Father’s love → Son’s Sacrifice → Spirit Pouring Love → Faith expressed in love

“We experience the richness of the love of God in the Spirit now, as well as then.”

*-Sinclair Ferguson*

“Deeper penitence, more urgent trust, more faithful obedience to Christ’s commands: these mark the path of power in service to our age.”

*-Edmund Clowney*

**John 13:34-35; 15:12-13**

**Romans 5:3-5**

**Galatians 5:22-23**

**Philippians 2:3-4**

**1 John 3:16**