

SERMON SERIES
UNITING IN WORSHIP
“WORSHIP FOSTERS FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE”
1 Corinthians 13:8-13
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I. Grace gifts serve a temporary purpose (vv. 8-10).

“Love never ends”

“prophecies ... will pass away ... tongues ... will cease ... knowledge ... will pass away”

“only know ... prophesy in part”

“when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away”

“(Love) fills life with permanent significance.”

-Stephen Um

“God’s way of teaching in today’s church is not by fresh revelation but by exposition of his revelation completed in Christ and in Scripture.”

-John Stott

II. Jesus has something far greater than gifts planned (vv. 11-12).

“spoke... thought... reasoned”

“give up childish ways”

“now we see in a mirror dimly”

“then we shall see face to face”

“then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known”

Genesis 32:30
Exodus 33:11
Deuteronomy 34:10-11
Jeremiah 31:31-35

"A natural man delights more in God's gifts than in his grace."

-Richard Sibbes

"The cessation of the apostolic signs does not mean the cessation of the gifts of the Spirit."

-Edmund Clowney

III. Christian worship fosters faith, hope & love (vs. 13).

"So now faith, hope, and love abide."

"but the greatest of these is love".

Psalms 130:5-8
Romans 8:24-25
2 Corinthians 5:6-7; 12:20
1 Thessalonians 5:8

"For every one derives advantage from his own faith and hope, but love extends its benefits to others."

-John Calvin

"The greatest evidence that heaven has invaded our sphere, that the Spirit has been poured out upon us, that we are citizens of a kingdom not yet consummated, is Christian love."

-D.A. Carson