



Pastor PJ Berner • August 3, 2025

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## 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 | A Church that God Loves

1. Check \_\_\_\_\_ (13:1)

2. Find \_\_\_\_\_ (13:2)

3. Love \_\_\_\_\_ (13:3)

## Discussion Questions

*Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit [compassntx.org](http://compassntx.org) to join a small group near you.*

1. Read **1 Corinthians 13:1** and **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**. Which of the descriptors Paul uses to define love in this passage have you found helpful in serving other people? When you show up to serve from a place other than love, like Paul describes here, how does that go? How fulfilling is it? What aspects of love has God grown you in through your experience in serving others as a Christian?

2. Read **1 Corinthians 13:1** and **1 Thess 2:8**. Share an example of someone whose ministry to you impacted your faith because of the way they not only served you, but loved you. What about their love for you made their ministry to you even more meaningful? If they hadn't been serving from love, what might have changed about the effectiveness of their labors?

3. Read **1 Corinthians 13:2** and **1 Peter 5:1-4**. What should a pastor's availability to his flock look like biblically? While there may be podcast pastors that can out-preach your pastor, why do you still stand to gain more from your local pastor based on 1 Corinthians 13:2? What is your role in making sure your pastors are able to love you well?

4. Read **1 Corinthians 13:3** and **Galatians 1:10**. How are you tempted in serving others to love praise over people? What did Paul mean in the Galatians passage that he "would not be a servant of Christ" if he were trying to please men over God? What place should eternal rewards have in motivating us to serve others, and how might we make sure that motivation doesn't supplant our love for people?

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### Recommended Reading

- *Improving Your Serve* - Chuck Swindoll
- *Charity and Its Fruits* - Jonathan Edwards
- *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* - Paul David Tripp
- *The Mark of a Christian* - Francis Schaeffer