

“The Hyperbolic Virtue of the Church”—1 Corinthians 13
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Prior to 1 Corinthians 13, Paul patiently teaches the Corinthians to stop being envious of one another’s spiritual gifts. Clearly and rationally he silences the church’s unrest by laying out arguments so thorough that no church member can deny that the apostle is absolutely correct. And yet, Paul adds, there is an even better way to solve this problem. Going beyond all of his rational arguments, he urges the church to practice one virtue which transcends all others, love. As Paul elaborates, we learn *three essential aspects* of this necessary ingredient among the Lord’s people:

1. The Supremacy of Love in the Church (1 Cor 13:1–3)

2. The Action of Love in the Church (1 Cor 13:4–7)

3. The Endurance of Love in the Church (1 Cor 13:8–13)