

PURSUE LOVE ALWAYS

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1 Corinthians 13:11-12 “ *When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.*”

The Apostle Paul reproaches us—by recommending us "*to put away childish things*," in addition to his reference to a mirror (verse 12)—that love is something that we grow in. It must be perfected. What we have now is partial. Thus, The Lord does not give it to us in one colossal portion to be used until we run out of it. We must always see ourselves as childlike or dependent in this particular sense. But soon, there will be a time when love will be perfected, and we will all have an abundance of it, just like God. In the meantime, while we are still in the flesh, we are to *pursue love*, as mentioned in **1Corinthians 14:1**.

This demonstrates that Biblical love is not something we have naturally. Unquestionably, some forms of this quality we call love come unsought; that is, they emerge by nature. In comparison, this is not so with the love of God. God's love comes through the move of God through His Holy Spirit, something that is supernatural. *Romans 5:5 "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*

At His service,
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