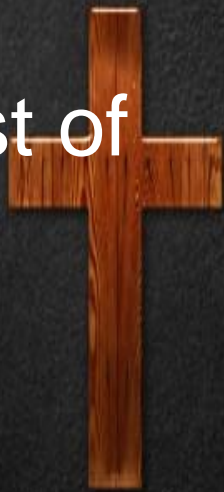




# Love

- <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- <sup>8</sup> Love never fails... <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



# Today

Love never fails...<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is  
love.



# Love never fails

To fail:

to fall short of success or achievement in something expected, attempted, desired, or approved:

to be unsuccessful in the performance or completion of:



# Love never falls short of success

Many have tried to explain the notion of love

It is mysterious

But it is!

Love exists.

For a moment in time

It is more than a feeling or the release of  
endorphins

Love when lived out as a verb does what love is  
supposed to do



Love never fails...<sup>13</sup> And now these  
three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love.

Remain

Love never disappears Moffat

When you thought it was gone it still is

“What About Bob?”

Gone? He’s not gone!

Love keeps going, and going, and going, and...



Love never fails...<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- In the present:
- <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.



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- In the present:
- <sup>8</sup> Love never fails.
- But where there are prophecies, they will cease;
  - Come to fruition or not: The time will pass
- where there are tongues, they will be stilled;
  - As impressive as ecstatic utterance is; it won't impress
- where there is knowledge, it will pass away
  - What we think is cutting edge today will be obsolete
- But love does not grow obsolete





Love never fails...<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- In the hereafter:
  - Faith will no longer be needed:
    - God and His kingdom will be apparent
  - Hope will no longer be needed:
    - We will sit amidst the confirmation that all we had hoped for has come true
  - But love: God's love for us and our love for God will go on forever



“The gospel message is that God is love. Jesus Christ, the great revealer of God, lived a life of love. His requirement from his disciples was that they should love one another. And the mission of the church to the world is that the law of love—love to God and as it’s corollary, love to man—should be the foundation of all civilization. By the gospel message, by it’s truth or falsity, Christianity stands or falls.” *Interpreters Bible Commentary*



# So What?

- Time spent actively loving someone is an investment
- Dividends may pay out in eternity
- Loved and taken advantage of? Let God handle it
- Love, extended in honesty, isn't made up of failure
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