



# Sermon Guide

Colossians 3; 1 Corinthians 13



- ▶ When in your life have you felt the most loved? How did that love affect your life?

Read Colossians 3:1-17

1. How are we to grow in our spiritual life (vv 1-4)? How does that contrast with the things that don't lead to growth?
2. How much contrast is there between the things of the earthly nature (vv. 5-11) and those of God's chosen people (vv. 12-17)? How hard would it seem to take off the first and put on the second? How is it possible?

Read 1 Corinthians 13

3. In verses 1-3, what activities are useless without love?
4. What does Paul say love is? What does Paul say love is not? How does love as described in this chapter compare to love as typically defined in our culture?

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- ▶ Which aspect of your old self feels all too comfortable to you? Why is it difficult to shed or remove? With what fruit of the Spirit would you like to replace it?
- ▶ Looking at the descriptions of perfect love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, in which one of these descriptions are you strongest? In which one are you weakest? How can you change that?

G L O R I F Y

Read and reflect on the following prayer: "Lord, fill us with the fruit of the Spirit. Help us to live by the Spirit, and not the desires of the flesh. Let us lead by example, and show others love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In Jesus' Name, Amen."