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# I. Corinthians. XIII.

In approaching our study of this wonderful chapter, we must first see its place in the general line of the Apostolic Teaching.

Having discussed the Spiritual Unity of the Church, the apostle proceeds to deal with the one great principle of love, which is the all-sufficient and all-inclusive law of her life.

Corinth. XII. 31. and XIV. 1.

The Superlative Thought of XII. 31.<sup>B</sup>

Lit:- "More-superseding a way to you I show"

Lit:- "I shew you an eminently excellent way"

Best:- "A surpassingly good way I show you"

Note on αὐτῶν.

The word, and its significance unknown in classic literature.

In a few places the cognate verb is found.

In the LXX the verb is frequent the Substantive very rare.

"The Greek αὐτῶν is in a measure consecrated by the fact that it makes its first appearance in the LXX, being apparently unknown to early classical authors. It is used in the N.T. to designate the essential nature of God; His regard for mankind; and also the most marked characteristic of the Divine life as manifested in Christ & in Christians" (Perleston Syn. 110).

The word has the unique honour of being the only Substantive, noting a moral attribute, which is predicated, simply and without explanation or limitation of God Himself; for God is love. Paul here teaches that this unique attribute of God is also the one moral quality which is itself all we need to be." (Best. Cor. 230).

- Charity.
- Wiclif 1380.
- Rheims 1582.
- A. V. 1611.
- Love.
- Dydale 1534.
- Geneva 1539.
- Geneva 1582.
- Kielgate.
- Jerome, q. Gal.
- Caritas.

Of the word Thayer says

"A purely biblical & ecclesiastical word"

Its root is obscure.

αὐτῶν comes from αὐτῶν

αὐτῶν perhaps from αὐτῶν = much.

Here Dr. Strong suggests a comparison with the Hebrew 'āqab. {to breathe after. (5689). } to love.

The LXX.

Employ the word ~ perhaps coined it ~ as a translation of 'āhab.

Occasionally they translate by φιλῆν, but never where the love of God is referred to.

Zezschwitz points out;

"It is noticeable that the word first makes its appearance as a current term in the Song of Solomon; - Certainly no undesigned evidence respecting the idea which the Alexandrian translators had of the LOVE in the Song."

Love = Affection, "embracing judgment, and the deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty, & propriety." (See Strong on 5368 Greek).

Paul's Analysis

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Its values.    | 1-3 The Necessity for love   |
| B. Its virtues.   | 4-7 The Fruitfulness of love |
| C. Its victories. | 8-13. The Duration of love.  |

31 But desire earnestly the greater gifts. And a still more excellent way shew I unto you.

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13 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

5 Many ancient authorities read that I may glory.

The Law - Its Governing Principles XIII.

A. Its Values. The Necessity for Love. 1-3.

1 The Strength of Service.

Things of service.  
"Tongues of Men and of Angels"

Without love ~ Noise ~ ~ ~

"I am become ~ An instrument without personality. ~ ~

2 The Energy of Equipment 2.

Things of Equipment.  
"Prophecy"  
"Know all mysteries & all knowledge"  
"All faith".

Without love. Illumination  
Custody  
Confidence.  
Nothing.

3. The Dynamic of Devotion. 3.

Things of Devotion.  
Bestowment of goods.  
Courtiion even to Martyrdom.

Without love.  
They profit nothing.

All can only be of use in the power of Love.

B Its values. Fruitfulness ~~of~~ Job. 4-7.

A Double Seven ~ See N Mos.

1. "Suffereth long, and is kind," that is the over-plusage of patience, not merely suffering long, that is, patience, but being kind after. "Envieth not," that is the ear rejoicing in the brilliance of the eye. "Vaunteth not itself." The emphasis is on "itself." Love that talks of loving is not love. "Is not puffed up," that is the sweet unconsciousness of love, the inward condition, of which the previous is the outward manifestation. "Doth not behave itself unseemly," that is courtesy. "Seeketh not its own," that is, perhaps, the profoundest word concerning the self-emptying capacity of pure love. "Is not provoked," that is patience in the presence of irritants. "Taketht not account of evil," that is, does not keep a ledger in which wrongs are entered, to be dealt with some day. "Rejoiceth not in unrighteousness," that is the other side of the former. "Rejoiceth with the truth," that is the reason of its inability to be glad in the presence of evil. "Beareth all things," the thought of the word is, excludes them, as the roof excludes the rain, thus, not permitting anything to disturb or injure the calm serenity of life. "Believeth all things," that is, not the credulity of the easily deceived, but the absence of suspicion from the nature. "Hopeth all things," that is optimism even in spite of and against appearances. "Endureth all things," that is, remains strong through all processes.

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1. Individual ~  
2. But always in relation  
to others.

II  
1. Relative.  
2. But always in the context  
of the individual.

C Its victories. The Duration of Love. 8-13.

1 The Inclusive Declaration. 8<sup>a</sup>.

"Love never faileth"

{ To face out of its course.

{ To become inefficient.

It never loses its life principle ~ ~ ~

2 Demonstration by Comparison 8<sup>b</sup>-13.

a Things that pass 8<sup>b</sup>-12.

Prophecies ~ Done away.

Worked out to fulfilment.

"Tongues" ~ Cease.

Unnecessary as signs; and as methods of praise.

Knowledge ~ Done away.

The knowledge of enquiry merges in final revelation.

(Parenthesis of Explanation. 9-12.)

All the things of Edification cease when the Edifice is Completed.

b Things that abide. 13.

"Now" ~ ~ Reverence to Result.

Faith. The Eternal principle of service rendered by the finite.

Hope. The abiding joy of new unveilings to be given.

Love. The Strength of Faith; + Light of Hope.

The Greatest ~ ~ ~ LOVE.

The reason + strength of the others.

If it failed { Faith would falter  
{ Hope would fade.

CONCLUSION.

"Follow after." δικαίως. ἰατρικῶς. ἡσυχαστικῶς.  
11.3. 5 (Persecution ~ ~  
12. Follow after.  
14. Perseverance.)