

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): 1 Corinthians 11—14

Sermon Title: Gifts & Love

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (NLT)

1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud

5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

8 Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

9 Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture!

10 But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

11 When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things.

12 Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

13 Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. Paul spent much time dealing with the matter of spiritual gifts. If we don't understand the purpose of spiritual gifts or if we see these gifts being abused, should we stop using them altogether? And is it correct to say that these gifts have passed away?**

2. **Can all pray in tongues together? Some feel that it is acceptable for us to pray in tongues individually at home alone but it is not acceptable for all to pray together in tongues when we are gathered in a group. How did the preacher explain this as taught by Apostle Paul?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **We are talking about *agape* love in 1 Corinthians 13. How do we respond if others behave in an immature or self-centered manner as they exercise their spiritual gifts and serve in the church?**
2. **As we discuss how we are treat each other as fellow believers, what are two major questions we need to ask ourselves as individuals as shared by the preacher?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to choose to act in love and to live in love.
- Pray for our church to be a people who truly love God and the body of Christ, so that we will obey God to love one another and to treat each other lovingly, kindly and gently.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.