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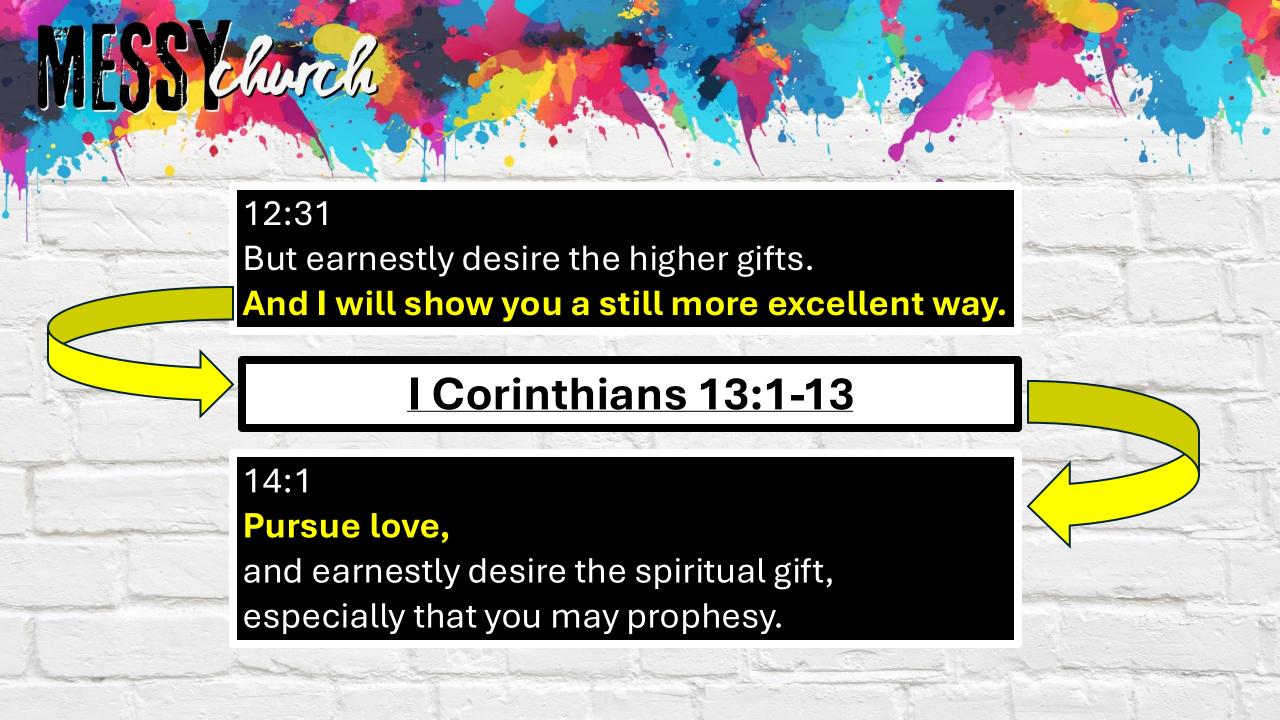


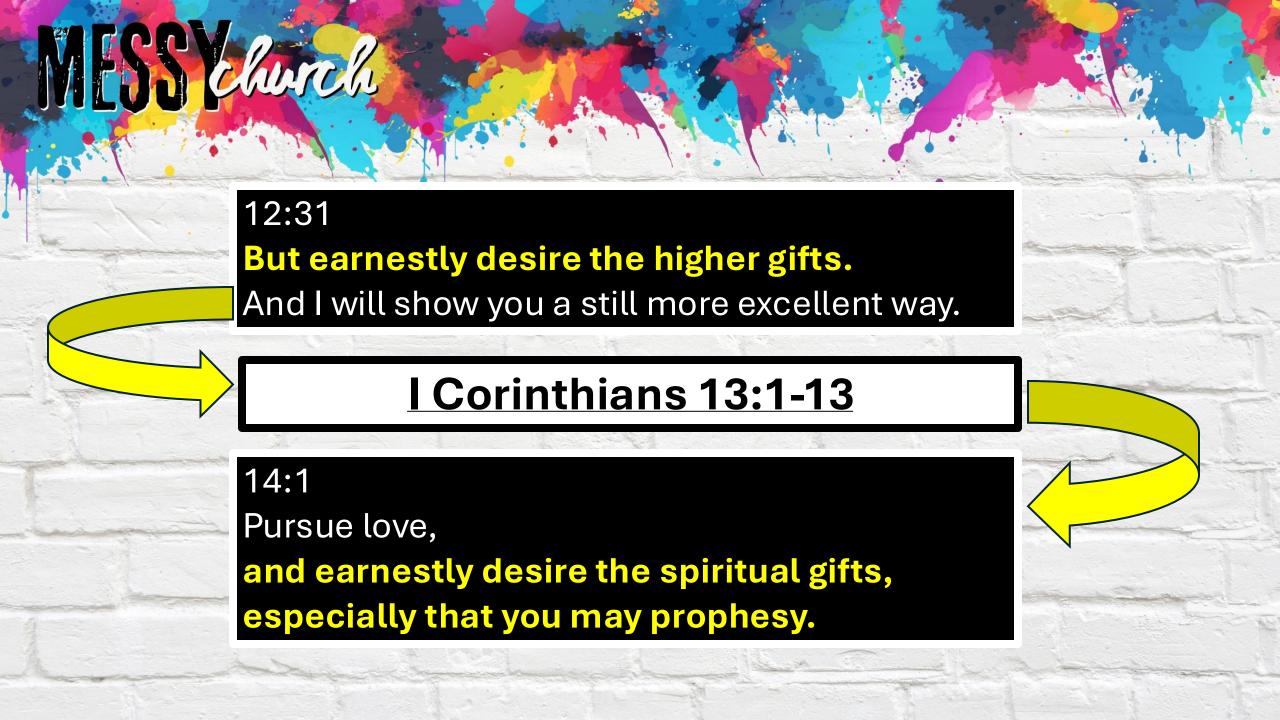
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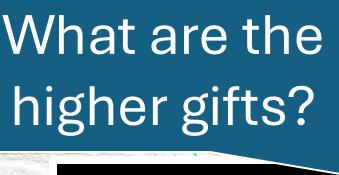
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The big idea of last week (chapter 13)?

The intentional and the intensive pursuit of love is the path that should dominate the life of a follower of Christ.







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Appointed by God in His sovereignty.

Purposed for the common good of the body.

Every person is necessary...every part of the body.

The parts that seem less necessary are actually more important.

There is no room for comparison which simply leads to a sense of inferiority or superiority.

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What is my origin?

- What is the meaning and purpose of life?
- Where can I find a moral structure for life?
- What is my destiny?
- What do I do with the angst I experience as a broken person in a broken world?

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For the maturity of everyone!

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When I was a child,
I spoke like a child,
I thought like a child,
I reasoned like a child.
When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

II Timothy 3:16

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II Timothy 4:1-4

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reprove, rebuke and exhort,

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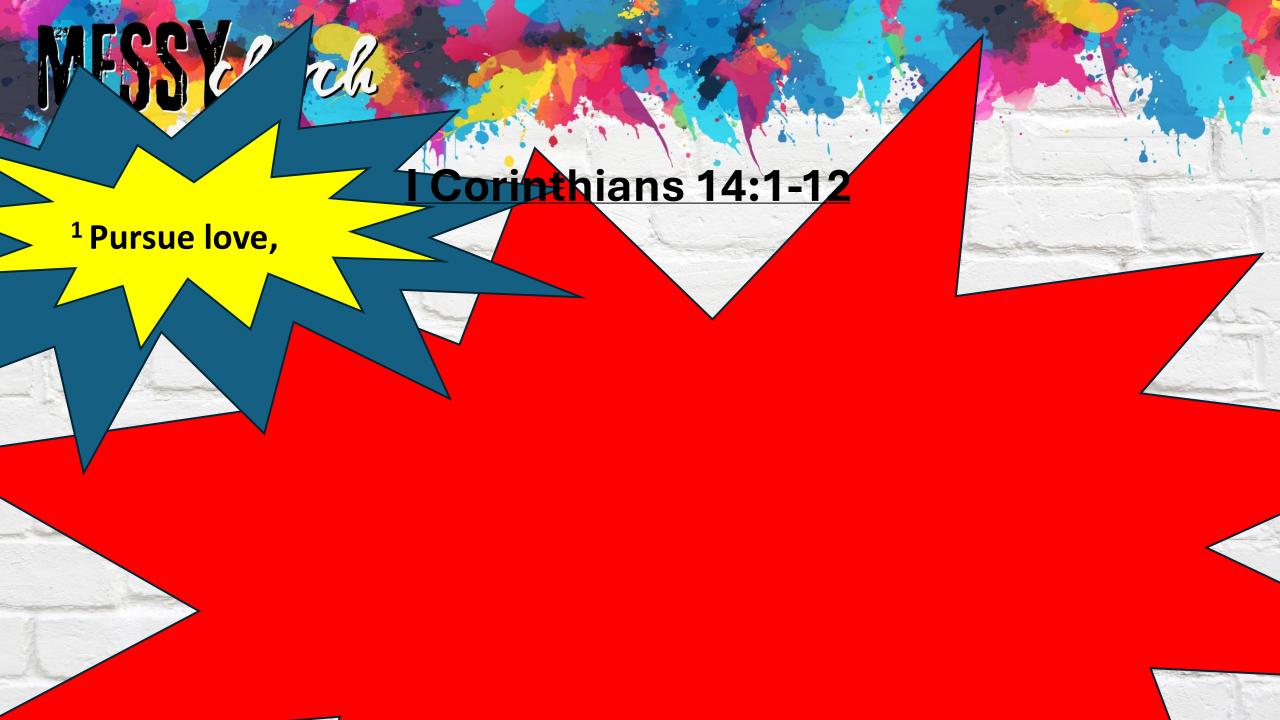
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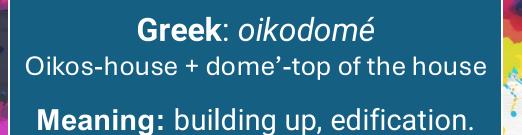
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- Build people up.
- Urge people on.
- Encourage people in pain.

II Corinthians 5:17-21

- ¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
 - The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
- ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
- that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
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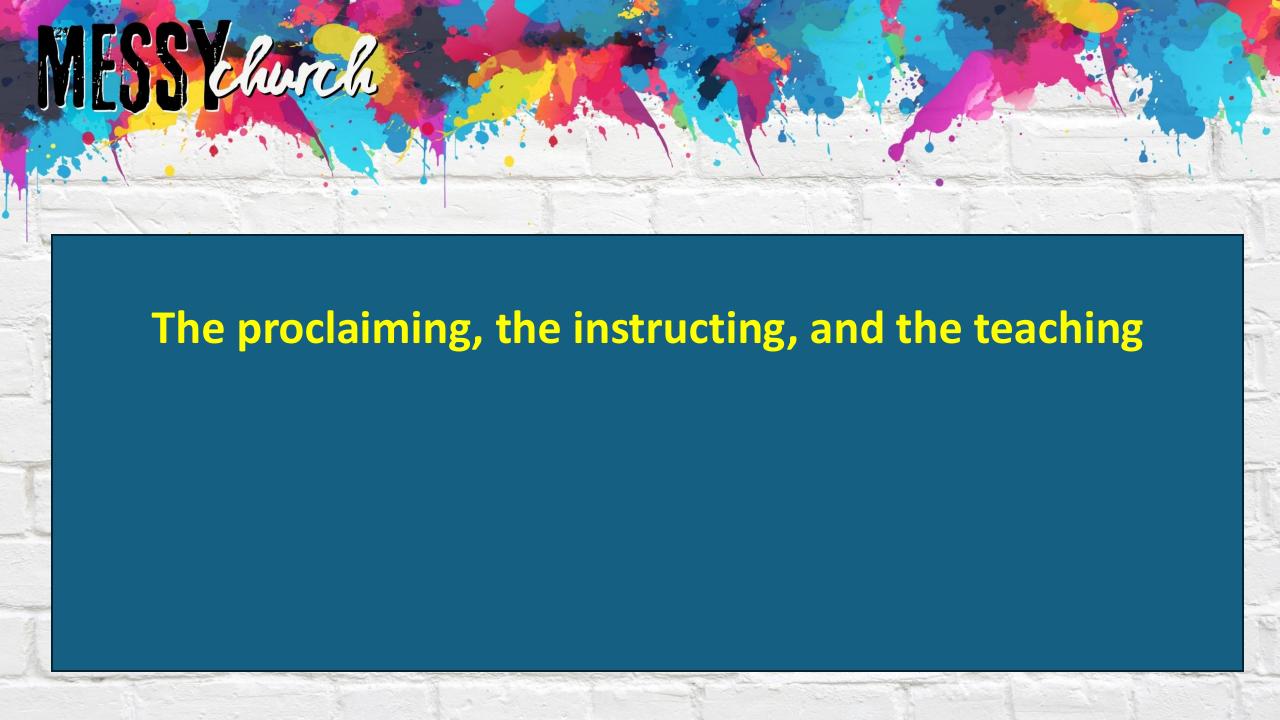
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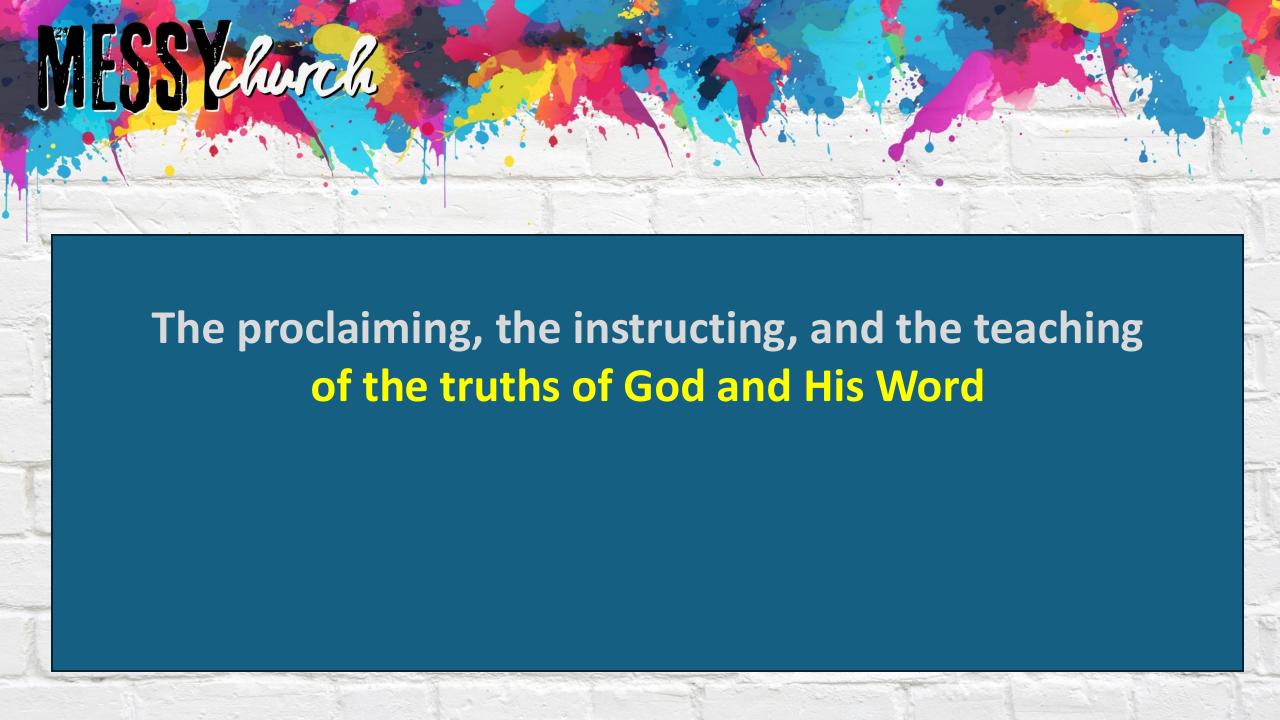
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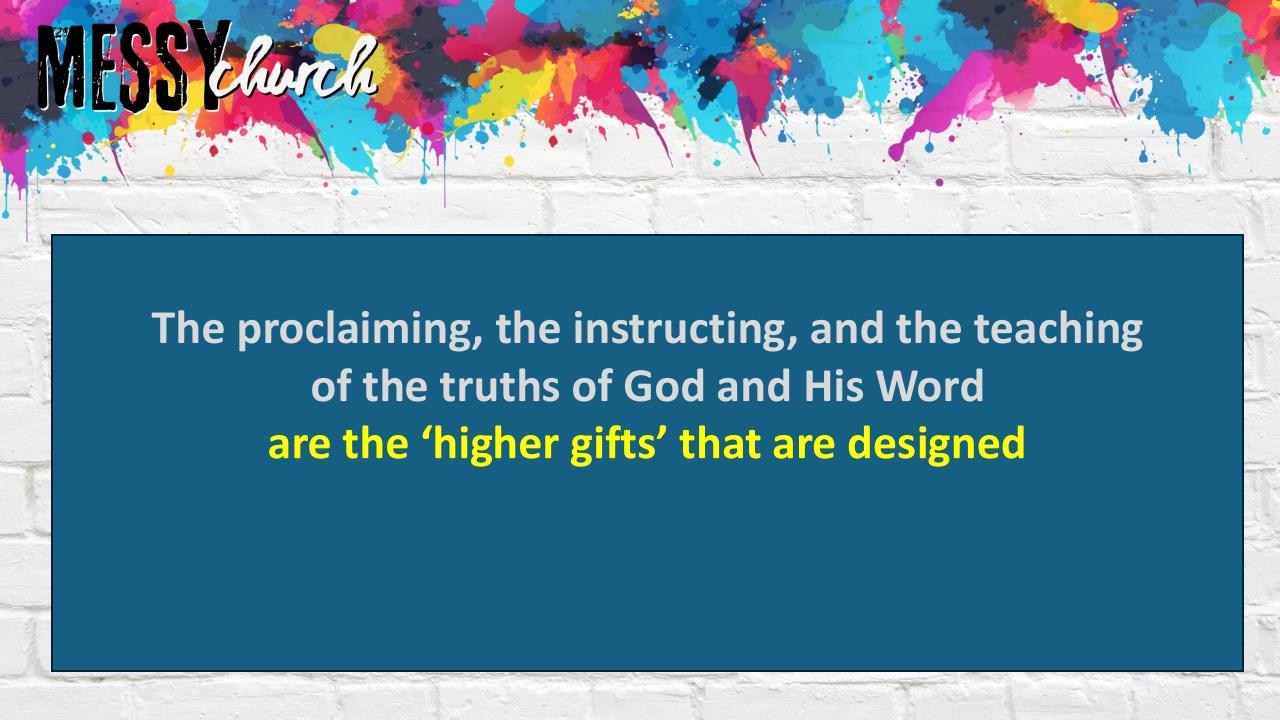
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