

**Sunday**

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**September 6, 2020**

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## 1 Corinthians 13

- 1** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- 3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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- 4** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
- 7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 8** Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

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- 9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part,  
**10** but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.  
**11** 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.  
**12** For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

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The **hope** that God has provided for you is not merely a wish. Neither is it dependent on other people, possessions, or circumstances for its validity.

Instead, **biblical hope** is an application of your faith that supplies a confident expectation of God's fulfillment of His promises.



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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
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**In what or in whom do you place your hope for tomorrow?**

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**II Thessalonians 2:16-17**

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Now may our Lord Himself,  
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who loves us and gives us eternal comfort  
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comfort and establish your hearts  
in every you do and everything you say.