

go out and stand for them and let's not fight over matters of forms and ceremonies, matters of interpretation on which people of equal intelligence and of equal consecration can differ, but let's put our stress on those things that God stresses as <sup>primary</sup> final. After all we see now through a glass darkly, but the time is coming when we shall see face to face. We know only in part now, but God knows all about us, but the time will come when we will know even as we are known. The fact that this matter of love, <sup>this matter of</sup> the development of these qualities within us is something that is going to last through all eternity while most of the things on which our activity has to be spent in this life are for this life and are important for this life but end with this life. They will be replaced <sup>by</sup> that which goes far beyond them as we go on beyond this life.

So he has this great conclusion: "Now abides faith, hope, and love, these three." He says in the next chapter "Follow after love, and desire spiritual gifts." These spiritual gifts are important for our service; let us desire them, follow after them, <sup>Paul has to devote the greater part of his</sup> <sup>holds</sup> the greater part of his attention to discussing them, how we are going to make our lives count for the Lord. But he says, That which abides is faith, hope, and love. These three are the things that last. These are the things that endure. He wants us to get our faith so rooted in God, our faith so built into Christ that when we step out into eternity we will just go on. <sup>with it,</sup>

Now some take it that when we say this will be done away, now I go by faith, <sup>not</sup> then by sight. That does not mean that faith ends. It means we'll know a great deal more. But we will still need our faith in God, our faith in Christ. This is one of the qualities <sup>we</sup> he wants to build up that goes on into eternity. We still need our hope, our recognition that God <sup>is</sup> controls the future, and we can trust Him in it all. This strong stand of Biblical hope so different from our present use of the word hope, just to mean a wish or a guess. But he says, The greatest of these ~~is~~ is love.