

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

(1 Corinthians 12-31-13:13)

Part 1

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INTRODUCTION: "But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you **A MORE EXCELLENT WAY.**" (1 Corinthians 12:31). The first half of verse 31 introduces chapter 14 while the second half introduces chapter 13 commonly known as "The Love Chapter". Two key verses we need to look at regarding love are Romans 5:5 - "Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God** (Genitive of possession = the love that belongs to God) has been poured out in our hearts **by the Holy Spirit** Who was given to us.", and Galatians 5:22 - "But **the fruit** (singular) **of the Spirit** (Genitive of possession = the love that belongs to the Holy Spirit) is **love...**" Because the love that Paul speaks of is love that belongs to God and can only be produced by means of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the believer as he is "filled with the Spirit" (Continually controlled by the Holy Spirit) I am convinced that "The More Excellent Way" that Paul is about to demonstrate to the Corinthians is the filling of God the Holy Spirit.

And yet I show you a more excellent way.

I SHOW = Present tense - Active voice - Indicative mood

YOU = "to you" ...Dative of advantage

A MORE EXCELLENT WAY =

ROMANS 5:5

GALATIANS 5:22

EPHESIANS 5:18

I. THE _____ OF THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

A. SUPERIORITY OVER _____ - v. 1

B. SUPERIORITY OVER _____ - v. 2

C. SUPERIORITY OVER _____ - v. 3

CONCLUSION