1 Corinthians – “One In Christ”

 Session #12 – Chapter 12 - “Spiritual Gifts”

A. REVISITING OUR PREVIOUS STUDY: 1 Corinthians 1-12

C1 –4: The Gospel message of the cross is the basis for unity in the

 Church and the credentials of an Apostle.

C5–12: Unity of faith around the Gospel message guides the way

 followers of Christ live the message together. Self-discipline

 guides the choices that balance rights, freedom and behavior.

 Such choices foster unity in the Church. They also provide help

 in resisting temptation to make choices detrimental to unity,

 including choices regarding the way we worship. The proper

 exercise of spiritual gifts also fosters unity in the Church.

B. OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION – Chapter 13 – The greatest gift

1. To learn the qualities of agape love.

2. To define love by how it acts.

C. READ THE WORD – 1 Corinthians 13 – *New International Version*

D. STUDY THE WORD – “The greatest gift”

PART 1: V1-3 What “agape” love isn’t: Self-centered and Self –serving

Key Verse: 1 - “I will show you the more excellent way.”

 Without love, all the other gifts amount to nothing.

2. PART 2: V4- 12 – What “agape” love is: Modeled after God’s.

Key Verse: 8 – “Love never fails.”

Our ability to practice “agape” love comes from with God.

PART 3: V13 – God’s love endures forever.

Key Verse: 13c – The greatest of these is love

E. THE WORD FOR ME

“Agape” love is the greatest of all spiritual gifts. Faith is its foundation, hope is its attitude, and the practice of “agape” love is the expression of the relationship created through Christ with God based on these.