

# June 2018 - Purpose: Part 2 – Charity

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*The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians - Chapter 13*

*Paul discusses the high status of charity—Charity, a pure love, excels and exceeds almost all else.*

1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
12. For now, we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

## Discussion Topics:

- What does this mean?
- Why is it significant to our Fraternity?
- Who was Paul? Why is he significant to Masonry?
- Why does charity exceed all else?
- How does charity live beyond the grave?
- Do we have Masonic charities in our District?
- Do we only offer charity to other Masons?
- This passage is from the Bible. Is charity a “Christian only” concept?
- What is the “right amount” to give to charity?
- Name some charitable acts that don’t involve money