

I Cor. 13: 4-8

SUBJECT: 'Love Never faileth'

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NEVER-FAILING LOVE

made
of
love
or
duty
care, concern, and
glorious tenderness,

The Paul given to the church at Ephesus Rev. 2:4 "left the first love"
Paul to the church at Corinth:

many gifts, eloquence, words, but in difficulty
divisions various
this marvelous plan from his heart pouring out.
the more excellent way. when there is an
abundance of love all the knowledge goes easily,
whether it be in a little way or a great palace
or a church, comprehending multitude and kinds of
charities, opinions, gifts. when we love we have
compassion, courtesy, policy of quiet & peace, each
willing for advantage, to spring upon the prey

I. 13: 4b, 5b Love and personal ambition.

A curse among men is the human race.
Dread for power.
Lust for place
to dominate, rule.

National tragedy
The wars of a Benjamin Kahan
" Napoleon
" Hitler

Personal tragedy
(v Cardinal Walsh)

Jos. 45: 5 to Barnab - the son of Merich
Jesse mt 20: 20-28 "the Gentile & Jewish dominions..."
but no no ... merciful... as Son of man"

Enah 42

misfortunes

II. 13: 5c. Love and the faults of others
"Thine kills no evil" - do not brood upon it.
Blot out it. Do not put two and two
together out of the shadows you leave behind
out of which to build a prison for the one he
hates.

The fault? covered

(a) The artist to paint Alexander the Great. Men
love him, follow him. One of the great, commanding
personalities of all time. In a battle a terrific sword
wound across his forehead - left a deep, ugly, livid
scar. The artist - how? Painted - the great
convulsion bearing upon his elbow, his hand
carefully upon his forehead, one of the fingers so
inadvertently covering the deep, deep scar.

(a) Cardinal Wolsey in history few more
greater. A man of 'tremendous talents.
why his fall?

Shakspeare, in the great scene in Henry
VIII - you will see the root which had
overthrown so much in his naturally
great. The author places in the mouth of
Wolsey three words:

Flung away ambition:
By that sin fell the angels. How can man then,
the image of his Maker, hope to win by it?
Love thyself last: cherish those hearts that hate thee

How again those words of despair:

Had I but served my God with half the zeal
I served my King, he would not in mine age
Have left me naked to mine enemies.

the last great knowledge,
keenness, secret in
matter of mystery

① That night when o'er the new born babe
The tender Mary rose to lean,
A loathsome lisp smile in sleep -
And dreamed that he was clean.

② That night when to the mother's breast
The little king was held secure,
A harlot slept a happy sleep -
And dreamed that she was pure.

③ That night when in the manger lay,
The Sacrifice who came to save,
A man moved in the sleep of death,
And dreamed there was no grave.

④
That night when in Judean skies
The mystic star dispensed its light,
A blind man moved in his sleep—
And dreamed that he had sight.

⑤
That night when shepherds heard the song
Of hosts angelic choring near,
A deaf man stirred in slumber's spell—
And dreamed that he could hear.

⑥
That night when in the cattle stall
Slept child and mother, cheek by jowl,
A cripple turned his twisted limbs—
And dreamed that he was whole.

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things fall, come to naught, fail

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- a. Saul, after the Ammonite victory
- b. Huldah to Jeriah.

The expectations of men come to naught.

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 - the voice of men, Samaritan, Greek, Persian, Hebrew, Latin, English, and German to come.
- all silent.

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- came man thru his wisdom. ^{disappear} Trapping the mountains.
- Egyptians knew embalming, pyramids, draying, etc.
- someday, what we know.

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- (2) Solomon " " diplomacy. You can't gild people down.
- (3) Caesar " " force - Empire crumbled
- (4) Bismarck " " nationalism.
- (5) Hamilton " " debt
- (6) U.S. " " economic prosperity.

Only one foundation of love; Christ: "By this shall all men know if you are my disciples - if ye love one another."

II. The only way that will work.

Has it ever failed?

- (a) Elisha and the Syrians
- (b) Stephen - "hard frozen" - Paul converted
- (c) Jesus, Peter rebuking bitterly. "Having loved his own, he loved them with the end."

III. The everlasting link with God.

John 3:16
Rom. 8

The witness of mother: "come home, mother loves you."

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