

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: June 30, 2019**  
**1 Corinthians 13:8-14:5**

1. How does this text begin in 13:8? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How does love compare to the other gifts that Paul has listed, according to 13:8? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What is Paul saying in verses 4-12 when he's talking about the difference between childhood and adulthood?
  - a. They are very different. Adults put childish ways behind them.
  - b. Our gifts are incomplete and flawed and will be unnecessary in eternity.
  - c. What we think are our greatest gifts now, will seem childish when we get to heaven.
  - d. They pass away even as faith, hope, and love do not.
4. What does it mean to see through a mirror (or glass darkly)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_How is this different from seeing face to face? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Is it a comfort to you that God fully knows you?
  - a. Yes, I'm so glad that he knows me because I'm pretty good!
  - b. Yes, I'm so glad that he knows me and who I've been and loves me anyway.
  - c. No, I really don't want him to see what is going on in my heart and mind.
  - d. I am not sure if God really knows me.
6. What, then, is the conclusion that we are to draw from all of this? What should we do, according to 14:1?
  - a. Ignore it all.
  - b. Follow the way of love.
  - c. Throw off any gifts God might give you.
  - d. Eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit.
7. Why did Paul go to so much trouble to talk down about the gifts of the Spirit, if we are to eagerly desire them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What is so special, according to 14:1-3, about the gift of prophesy?
  - a. It is a gift that is used to speak to others.
  - b. It is a gift that can be understood by others.
  - c. It is a gift that strengthens, encourages, and comforts others.
9. Is Paul, in this passage, affirming speaking in languages that nobody else understands?
  - a. No, he is suggesting that this doesn't build others up and would not be a gift as significant as prophesy.
  - b. No, he is pointing out that this edifies the person who speaks it, while the person who prophesies edifies the church.
  - c. No, but he doesn't necessarily say that it is wrong, either.
10. So, then, how are these instructions in chapter 14 connected to the instructions from the 'love chapter'? \_\_\_\_\_