

1. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.  
2. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.  
3. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 ESV

If you look carefully at these three verses you will see that Paul uses the conjunction *if* five times in this teaching. In reality, there is no *if*. Paul fulfilled or performed all of these phrases, except maybe for the last one. (If he was burned it wasn't unto death. At least not yet.) Paul spoke in tongues. In fact he states of himself in this letter that he perhaps spoke in tongues more than any of the Corinthians. Paul also prophesied and understood many of the mysteries of God. His knowledge of spiritual matters was par-excellent in other words, his knowledge far exceeded most any who followed Christ, then or today.

Paul's faith in Jesus the Christ was unshakable he was fully and totally committed to his Savior. On the Damascus road where Paul had a personal encounter with the risen Christ ... he bought in all the way, he held nothing back.

This tireless apostle, gave all up to and including his life. He did all he did, became all he became, for one reason and one only love! That, by-the-way, is the more excellent way!

How much has your love for Christ led you to give?

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