

## Sunday – May 13, 2018

### Pastor David Higa Love – The Essential Gift 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*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, but have not love, I am nothing. [1 Corinthians 13:2]*

There's an old song we used to sing years ago called "Bind us together." We don't sing it much these days, but it's the perfect song for our text this morning.

Bind us together Lord bind us together with chords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together Lord bind us together, bind us together with love.

It's a simple song but one that captures the heart of 1 Cor 13, which is *love*. God's love is a gift. It is a spiritual gift that comes in the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ the Son.

Jesus alluded to the gifts of the Spirit when he told His disciples that he was leaving them. "It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you." [Jn 16:7] "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." [Jn 14:12] Jesus came to bring us into fellowship with God by removing our sins at the Cross of Calvary. He then returned to the Father "and gave gifts to men" [Eph 4:8], spiritual gifts through the gift of the Spirit [ref. Acts 2]. And in that work He established a spiritual authority in the life of the born again believer in Christ. Now we, Jesus' disciples, have become His hands and feet, eyes, ears, and mouthpiece to further the Kingdom.

In Chapter 12 Paul described several gifts of the Spirit but emphasized unity: *Unity in diversity*. There are diversities of gifts, differences of ministries, and diversities of activities; *but the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God who works all in all*. [ref. 1 Cor 12:4-6]

Now in Chapter 13 Paul describes the greatest gift that holds it all together: *Love*. "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, but have not love, I am nothing." *Love is the gift that the Christian cannot go without*.

May we, every day in this life of faith, exercise the greatest gift of love. It is an absolute essential.

## Weekly Ministries:

**Sun Morning Services** – at Rosemont ES w/ Spanish translation.  
7:30 am  
9:30 am with Children's ministry.  
11:30 am with Children's ministry & Teens ministry [6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades].

**\*\* No Sun Evening Service – Remember to bless mom! \*\***

**Mon Evening** Men's Fellowship – at HT Church Office.  
6:30 pm Bible Study in Exodus.

**Tue Evening** Ladies Fellowship – at HT Church Office.  
7:00 pm Bible study discussing Sun sermons in 1 Corinthians.

**Wed Afternoon** Elderly Ministry – at Hollywood Royale.  
3:30 pm See Carl for details.

**Wed Evening** Service – at Rosemont ES with Children's ministry.  
7:30 pm Old Testament Bible Study – *1 Chronicles*.

**Sat Afternoon** Elderly Ministry – at City View Villas.  
2:00 pm See Carl for details.

## Worship Services:

**Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**

Rosemont Avenue Elementary School  
421 N. Rosemont Ave., Los Angeles, 90026

**Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.**  
Church Office - The Hidden Treasure Bookshop  
1822 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, 90026

## Announcements

### Events for the Month

In addition to the "Weekly Ministries" listed to the left we are hosting the following events for the month.

- **VA Outreach** – This happens every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month. We meet at the VA Hospital in West Los Angeles at 1 pm for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with our Veterans. See Mike or Sal for details.
- **Friday Worship & Prayer Night** – Our next worship & prayer night is May 25 at 7 pm at our church office. These are wonderful times of seeking the Lord as a corporate body and experiencing warm fellowship. We had such a wonderful time at our last worship night. Don't miss this next one.

### Wednesday Evening Mid-week Service – 1 Chronicles

We start 1 Chronicles this Wed evening. Please join us every Wed evening at 7:30 pm right here in the Rosemont auditorium as we study the Old Testament together verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter, and book-by-book.



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**Daily Bible Reading** 05/14 – 05/20: 2 Chronicles 13-36. Reading plan at Info Table.

**Spanish Translation** is available during our services using small remote earpiece units. Please come to the Information Table.

**Prayer Requests:** We are available for prayer right after the service or you can fill out a **Prayer Card** and drop it in the offering box.

As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during service.