

# Because Love Never End/Fails, A New World is Born (8b-10)

## Part 4

### INTRODUCTION:

Last week we addressed the reality that Love Never Ends/Fails because of the nature of love providing a commitment of security that is eternal. When we think of love we think of it primarily in a context of relationship between ourselves and God or between each other. But the work of love is much bigger than that as Paul addresses in the back half of this chapter.

Today, I want us to consider the repercussions of this unending, unfailing love in the bigger plan of redemption and renewal of God's world. As we move forward in history from the work of the cross and resurrection until the fulfillment of all things when Heaven & Earth come together again in what is known as New Creation, love is at work bringing this all about.

I am amazed at how little New Creation is spoken of in churches and pulpits. I know many of you have said, "I have never heard of such till I heard you speak of it." This is so sad because New Creation is the back drop coming into the foreground throughout the Bible and God's plan of redemption to not only redeem His Image-Bearers but to make the world new again like it once was in the Garden. To understand Scripture and the Redemptive Work apart from a concept of New Creation becomes very egocentric, and is like trying to understand a Dairy without a milk cow. It's impossible!

### *1 Corinthians 13:8b-10*

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;  
as for languages, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.  
For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.  
But when the perfect comes,  
the partial will come to an end.<sup>1</sup>

Because love never ends or fails, and the work we see love about in the overarching process of God's Divine plan, we can understand three truths from this text...

### **I. Love is the Foundation of the New World**

- A. All that is not connected to love will one day disappear.
- B. The back half of verse 8 is closely related to the first three verses of the chapter.
  - If I can speak the *languages* of Heaven & Earth but have not love I am annoying
  - If I have the gift of *prophecy* and all *knowledge* that I understand all mysteries but have not love I am nothing
  - If I give everything over in good deeds, but love is not the motivator then I gain nothing.

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<sup>1</sup>[\*The Holy Bible: Holman Christian standard version.\*](#) (2009). (*1 Co 13:8-10*). Nashville: Holman Bible Publishers.

- C. For instance, we, humans, measure and decide morality on the basis of benefit, image, and self-will, but God measures morality only on the basis of love because He Himself is Love in whose character nature creates for us His creatures a moral compass.
- D. Many good deeds have been done apart from obedience to love, and in the end will count for nothing. This is why Jesus taught not to let your right hand know what your left hand is doing because what is done needs to only matter to God in our view. Our good deeds may affect others but should be motivated solely by our love for the Lord.

***Matthew 6:1-4***

“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.<sup>2</sup>

E. Many of us have done right things for wrong reasons. Love must be central as Paul stated in the first three verses of this chapter because no matter how wonderful these may be in and of themselves they are nothing without love, and in the end will pass away.

F. All that humanity depends on for identity, value, power, prestige, in this partial reality, will be done away with in light of the true revelation of God’s love when the whole of reality is put together again in New Creation. Which is why Jesus said...

***Matthew 6:19-21***

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.<sup>3</sup>

G. Life without love is simply meaningless because only that which is attached to love, originated by love, and held together in love will remain.

**Emmanuel Katongole, Mirror to the Church: Resurrecting Faith After Genocide in Rwanda**

“The church's primary purpose is not to make America more Christian, but to make American Christians less American and Rwandan Christians less Rwandan. We are no longer Rwandans or Americans, neither Hutu nor Tutsi. If we are in Christ, we have become part of a new creation.”

We must learn to attach ourselves to that which will surpass this world and greet us in the next.

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<sup>2</sup>[\*The Holy Bible: New International Version\*](#). (1984). (Mt 6:1–4). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

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