



# GULF SHORES

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## ***Lesson #13 = Saints Can Overcome... Problems Regarding Charity (I Corinthians 13)***

Introduction: We are in a series entitled: "SAINTS CAN OVERCOME." Before addressing the problems in Corinth... Paul called the brethren "saints" (**I Corinthians 1:2**). He knew they could overcome their problems if they focused on spiritual things. Today we will talk about overcoming a lack of charity in our lives. Please open your Bible to I Corinthians chapter 13. Let's read and study together...

### Discussion:

#### ***I. What Is The Problem?***

- Without love... spiritual gifts are nothing.  
I Corinthians 13:1-2, 12:1-3, 27-31, Leviticus 19:18, John 14:15, Acts 8:9-24, I John 3:11, 23
- Without love... good works are nothing.  
I Corinthians 13:3, John 3:16, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:1, 6, James 2:17, 19-20, 26
- Without love... great faith amounts to nothing.  
I Corinthians 13:4-13, 16:14, John 13:24-25, II Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 4:2-3

#### ***II. How Can We Overcome It?***

- Love is always in action, not bound  
I Corinthians 13:1-3, Proverbs 10:12, Luke 6:31, Romans 12:9-10, I Peter 4:8
- Love is mature, not imperfect  
I Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13, Proverbs 17:17, John 15:13, Colossians 3:14, I John 4:18-19
- Love is an eternal gift, not temporary  
I Corinthians 13:8b-13, Deuteronomy 10:12-19, 11:13-22, Matthew 22:37-39

Conclusion: The problems in Corinth were deep rooted, but they could be solved. They needed to re-examine their own charity. We can overcome our problems when we redirect our focus toward the love of God, the message of Jesus Christ, and the Spirit-filled life. Remember the love of God (**John 3:16**). Are you choosing love? Are you sharing God's grace and mercy? We are Saints. We can overcome.