Faith - what’s love got to do with it?

**Q1.** We already know what Faith is. So what is love? Discuss the difference between charity, benevolence and the type

of love discussed in 1 Corinthians 13.

**Q2.** Look at 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Discuss what we “are” what we “are not” and what we “have or have not” with

regards to the presence or absence of love in our lives.

**Q3.** We see in Galatians 5:6, Ephesians 3:17 and 2 Thessalonians 1:3 that faith and love are inseparable. We are also told in 1 Corinthians 13:2 that if I have faith without love I am nothing. What does this mean to us in our

daily lives? How do we live out our faith through love?

**Q4.** In James 2:14-26 we are told that faith without works is dead. How does this link in with Galatians 5:6, 1

Corinthians 7:19, John 14:15 and Hebrews 11:6a. What summary can be made with regards to faith and love from

these verses?

**Q5.** Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 taking note of verse 2.Why is love so important to faith?

**Q6.** We are told in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that out of faith, hope and love, love is the greatest. Why is that so?

A brief summary of the Martin Luther’s doctrine of justification and the Christian life is…

**“Faith makes of us lords and love makes of us servants.”**

Believers are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ: their election, calling, regeneration, faith, repentance, conversion, justification, sanctification, sufferings, and final glorification are all in Christ. Luther believed firmly that “all things are yours.... and ye are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s” (1 Corinthians 3:21-23). Without Christ there is no hope; in union with Him believers do not lack anything. In this sense “faith makes of us lords.”

But such a saving faith is never alone in Luther’s understanding, even as it is presented in Scripture. “Faith...gives Christ to you with all His possessions,” he wrote, but continued: “Love gives you to your neighbour with all your possessions.”

Again: “It is impossible for him who believes in Christ...not to love and do good...” an echo of James’ affirmation that faith without good works is barren and dead, being by itself. “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty: only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13)