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    - It is not natural, but \_\_\_\_\_.
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### **A Perspective on Love from Corinth...**

- Spiritual gifts are significant, but love is supreme.
  - Love is the necessity apart from which nothing in the Christian life matters.
  - Love is the field in which everything in the Christian life flourishes.
- Spiritual gifts are temporal, but love is eternal.

### **The Nature of Love in the Church...**

- Love is essentially selfless.
  - It seeks its joy in the good of others to the glory of God.
- Love is inevitably active.
  - It is not conveyed by words as much as it is shown by behavior.

### **The Marks of Love in the Christian...**

- Are you patient with others?
- Are you kind to others?
- Are you envious of what others have?
- Do you boast about what you have?
- Are you ever arrogant before others?
- Are you ever rude to others?
- Do you want things your own way?
- Are you irritable when things don't go your way?
- Do you keep any record of others' wrongs?
- Do you find any pleasure when others do wrong?
- Do you experience only delight when others do right?
- Do you tire of support for others?
- Do you hold onto faith for others?
- Do you lose hope for others?
- Do you endure trials with others?

### **The Power to Love in Christ...**

- So what is the definition of Christian love?
  - To love is to be toward others the way God in Christ is toward us.
    - We receive His love.
    - We reflect His love.
- And what is distinct about Christian love?
  - Christian love is exemplified in the cross of Christ.
    - It is based on mercy in the lover, not merit in the beloved.
  - Christian love is empowered by the Spirit of Christ.
    - It is not natural, but supernatural.
  - Christian love is enamored with the return of Christ.
    - It can't help but to serve others in the present because it can't wait to see Christ in the future.