**CHAPTER 13**

*Charity is to be preferred before all other gifts.*

**1** If I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

**2** And if I should have prophecy and should know all mysteries, and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

**3** And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

**4** Charity is patient, is kind: charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely; is not puffed up;

**5** Is not ambitious, seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil;

**6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth;

**7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

**8** Charity never falleth away: whether prophecies shall be made void, or tongues shall cease, or knowledge shall be destroyed.

**9** For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

**10** But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.

**11** When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But, when I became a man, I put away the things of a child.

**12** We see now through a glass in a dark manner; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then I shall know even as I am known.

**13** And now there remain faith, hope, and charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity.