

# *East Side Church of God*

## *Life Notes*

**Reclaiming Love: Rescued from Futility**  
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**Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

**Rescue Operation #1:** The most excellent way rescues us from the futility of mere mysticism.

*And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. –1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:1 (ESV)*

**Rescue Operation #2:** The most excellent way rescues us from the futility of an incomplete intellectualism.

*And I will show you a still more excellent way.....And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge....., so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. –1 Corinthians 12:31b & 13:2 (ESV)*

**Rescue Operation #3:** The most excellent way rescues us from the futility of a faulty faith.

*And I will show you a still more excellent way.....and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. –1 Corinthians 12:31b & 13:2 (ESV)*

**Rescue Operation #4:** The most excellent way rescues us from the futility of a misguided martyrdom.

*And I will show you a still more excellent way.....If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. –1 Corinthians 12:31b & 13:3 (ESV)*