

Face to Face

(1 Corinthians 13:12)

- Introduction:
1. It's been a year since we've been able to see each other face to face due to Covid.
 2. We've gone through several variations of masks.
 3. It's been hard preaching to people with whom you cannot read their reactions.
 4. But today, we are mask free and are able to see each other face to face.
 5. That expression brings to mind a statement in 1 Corinthians 13:12 that I would like to consider today.

I. The Meaning of 1 Corinthians 13:12

- A. I would like to begin by telling you that this passage is not talking about how things will be in heaven.
- B. It's talking about how things are right now.
- C. Let me explain...
 1. This is written in the context of spiritual gifts.
 2. Prior to the completed revelation of God's word, they saw in a "mirror" dimly, but now that is will has been revealed, we see face to face.

II. The Application of 1 Corinthians 13:12

- A. When we look in a mirror, do we fix our flaws?
 1. (James 1:23-24).
 2. Do we care about our flaws? Try to cover them? Or stop looking in the mirror?
- B. When we look in a mirror, do we deflect by seeing others?
 1. (John 21:23) What's it to you?
 2. (2 Corinthians 5:10).
 3. (2 Corinthians 10:12).
- C. When we look in a mirror, do we see Jesus?
 1. (Romans 8:29).
 2. Are you looking more and more like Jesus?
 3. (Matthew 16:13-14) What a great compliment to be mistaken for Jesus!

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, we can see ourselves "face to face" this today.
 2. God's word provides a mirror for our souls.
 3. My hope is that you look into this mirror and use it properly.