

Love in a Mirror

Scripture Reading — 1 John 3:1-3

*Now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
—1 Corinthians 13:12—*

The city of Corinth was known for the mirrors it made. They were distributed throughout the Roman Empire and beyond. They weren't the same as mirrors we have today—made of glass with a silver backing. Corinthian mirrors were highly polished metal. Even the best were blurry. You could see yourself, but it was like looking into a car's shiny hubcap or bumper. And the cheaper models gave a hazy reflection at best.

That's a picture, says the apostle Paul, of our current level of knowledge and understanding. We can see the broad outline of things. But there's a lot we don't see; there are many things we don't understand. What we know about God, about ourselves, and our world is limited. Our knowledge is incomplete. So anyone who takes pride in having great knowledge is a fool.

In the era of unclear mirrors other people knew better than you did how you actually looked. They could see you face to face. But God's Word promises that one day we shall see things as they really are. Even better, we will see God. Clearly. Face to face. It won't be like looking into a hubcap or through a haze. Meeting God will take our breath away—and our pride.

Until then, wise and helpful people major in love. Because love lasts forever.

Prayer

One glorious day, Father, we will see you face to face. We will be filled with a wonder that is everlasting. We long for that day. Amen.

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