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Let Love Continue Heb.13:1-3

'Study to show thyself approved unto God...' – 2 Timothy 2:15

The importance of reading and learning God's word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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Roadmap of where we have been and where we are going:

Enduring Faith Defined (11:1) Exemplified (11:2-40), and finally its application Commanded (12:1-26) Concluding Exhortations (13:1-25).

<u>INTRODUCTION</u> – Today we will consider Love among brethren and two specific applications of such love.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER v.14?

- 1. Uniqueness of this love. v.1
- 2. This love exhibited in hospitality. v.2
- 3. This love exhibited toward afflicted Brethren. v.3

I. <u>UNIQUENSS of this LOVE.</u>

Speaking of brotherly love, it can speak of it in a TWO-FOLD sense. There is *NATURAL* and *SPIRITUAL*.

(A) NATRUAL

Acts 17:26 "made from one blood every nation of men."

Mth.22:39 "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Gal.6:10a "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men,..."

(B) SPIRTUAL

<u>Rom.8:29</u> "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the **firstborn among many brethren.**

<u>Heb.2:11</u> "For both **he** (Jesus) that sanctifieth and **they** (church) who are sanctified are all of **one** (spiritual): for which cause he is not ashamed to call them **brethren** (unique brotherhood), Saying, I will declare thy name unto my **brethren**, in the midst of the **church** will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the **children** which God hath given me (unique family).

Gal.6:10b "...especially to those who are of the household of faith."

> Our obligation as Christians to love our brethren in Christ is, of course, a truth which the NT repeatedly dwells upon (cf. Jhn.13:34-35;15:8,12,17; 1Thess.4:9-10; 1Pet.1:22; 1Jhn.3:11-19,23;4:7,11,21; 2Jhn.5).

Col.3:14 "Above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection".

II. THIS LOVE EXHIBITED IN HOSPITALITY.

The duty of showing such hospitality, is of course, a repeated theme throughout the Bible. (cf. Deut.10:18-19; Matt.25:35,38,40; Rom.12:10,13; 1 Pet.4:8-9; 3 Jhn.5-8).

- > THE DIDACHE. https://reformedwiki.com/read-didache-roberts
- (1) Instructions were given that every stranger professing to be a Christian should be received, but that his profession should dafterward be put to the test.
- (2) Those who claimed to be teachers especially were to undergo scrutiny; and if found to teach error, they were to be immediately rejected.
- (3) And, under ordinary circumstances anyone who stayed more that two or three days who asked for money was to be sent on his way as an imposter and a parasite. (cf.Didache 11-12).

III. THIS LOVE EXHIBITED TOWARD SUFFERING BRETHREN.

➤ The "we-all-are-in-this-together" principle.

 $\underline{1~{\rm Cor.}12:26}$ "...whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

Acts 9:4 "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

- ➤ How does such love look?
 - (a) Care
 - (b) Compassion
 - (c) Prayer
 - (d) Assistance