

Sermon Audio Input

Full Msg. Title: Love
Short Ver. Title: Romans 075
Series Title*: Romans
Text: Romans 12:9-21
Key Words: Love

Message Outline

Love Rom 12:9-21

- I. **Listen Carefully to the Text in Its Context**
- II. **Consider the Significance of the Main Point**
- III. **Wrestle with How God would Have Us Respond**

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

- 1 Cor 13

Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- Paul has just been speaking about the Christian being a sacrifice who must not be conformed to the pattern of the world but be transformed by the renewing of His mind. He has held before us our identity as members one of another with gifts that are to be used for the good of each other and the body of Christ as a whole. He now begins to speak of love. How does love fit into the context of what Paul has been talking about so far in Rom 12, i.e., why is it so fitting to speak of love at this point in his letter?
- **Community Group Focus Questions:** From verse 9, what is love as Paul describes it; and how are we Christians to exercise it?

Memory & Meditation Verse

“Let love be without hypocrisy...” Romans 12:9a

Community Life

- Pray and talk about how we are to participate individually and corporately as a church body with what God is doing in this season of redemptive history?
- Is it your conviction to use the gifts God has given you for the benefit of the members of this local church? If so, communicate with Pastor Johnny and take the extra effort to make sure this is happening as God has intended.

Next Week

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Notes

Love without hypocrisy -- On Paul's unusual (Johnny) grammar

Note from BibleHub.com, expositors bible commentary: <http://biblehub.com/commentaries/expositors/romans/12.htm>

As if he could not heap the golden words too thickly together. St. Paul dictates here with even unusual abruptness and terseness of expression. **He leaves syntax very much alone; gives us noun and adjective, and lets them speak for themselves.** [emphasis from Johnny] We will venture to render as nearly verbatim as possible. The English will inevitably seem more rough and crude than the Greek, but the impression given will be truer on the whole to the original than a fuller rendering would be.

Your love, unaffected. Abominating the ill, wedded to the good. For your brotherly kindness, full of mutual home affection. For your honour, your code of precedence, deferring to one another. For your earnestness, not slothful. For the Spirit, as regards your possession and use of the divine Indweller, glowing. For the Lord, bond serving. For your hope, that is to say, as to the hope of the Lord's Return, rejoicing. For your affliction, enduring. For your prayer, persevering. For the wants of the saints, for the poverty of fellow Christians, communicating; "sharing," a yet nobler thing than the mere "giving" which may ignore the sacred fellowship of the provider and the receiver. Hospitality-prosecuting as with a studious cultivation. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.