

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Our topic is picked by Marian for this month (*Romans 12: 9-21*). I just like to create comments on our verses and these files I setup online are my comments.

Below our commenter from The Bible Exposition Commentary brings to mind the previous verses which cover the spiritual gifts given to the believer by God. How easy it is to become lofty with our gifts since they empower us to do things we could not do before and without love, we can too easily become calloused toward one another and forget why we were given these gifts in the first place.

Romans 12

Loving participation (vv. 9-16). Here the emphasis is on the attitudes of those who exercise the spiritual gifts. It is possible to use a spiritual gift in an unspiritual way.

Paul makes this same point in [1 Corinthians 13](#), the great "love chapter" of the New Testament. Love is the circulatory system of the spiritual body, which enables all the members to function in a healthy, harmonious way.

This must be an honest love, not a hypocritical love ([Romans 11:9](#)); and it must be humble, not proud ([Romans 11:10](#)). "Preferring one another" means treating others as more important than ourselves ([Philippians 2:1-4](#)).

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The new command Jesus gives adding to the 10 commandments of Moses is that we should love one another. Loving God and loving one another sums up the Law given to Moses. God is truly Love. We hold Him accountable for tragedies but these are all due to the fall and not God's will for His children or the rest of the earth.

How much is lost when we do not love? We cannot tell but God knows. He sent His son to show us the way of Love; the Way He is called - the Truth and the Life He is and we must follow suit if we are called by His name, Christians, and we must not be ashamed of the Truth if we are His heirs.

Romans 12: 9 - 11

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

John 13:34

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

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Jesus of Nazareth The Messiah

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

There is only one way to apply any of these words to one's life. That is by having the maker of all life live in you. With the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, living within you through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, you have the power to love like never before. You also have entrance into Heaven. Jesus says no one comes to the Father unless they go through Him.

At times it is not easy to do so – to love, but God's gracious gift of peace living within us gives us a peace that passes understanding. We love because we are His – His children and He loved us before we loved Him. He died to give us this love while we were at enmity with God through the fallen nature inherited since Adam, the first man, fell.

He knew before the world He created came into existence that man would fail and that He would have to come and die in our place. We don't understand all that the Bible teaches us but this one thing we must do, Love! Or we will die from our inherited curse of hate and sin.

Man's ways lead to death.

Abortion, war, vengeance, anger and rage and even false teachings all lead to death. Jesus forgave. We must do the same. Jesus is the Truth and we must seek Him out. Jesus is Life and we need to have His life living in us or we die for all eternity.

Romans 12:12 - 15

- ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- ¹³ Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
- ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Can we be in harmonious agreement with these words? Only if the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God Himself lives in you and this is what happens when we confess Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be. God on earth and His death on the Cross brings salvation, from eternal destruction, to our souls.

We can so easily agree if we do live by the words here found in our Bible that the world we presently live in would be a better place.

What do we read in our Bible?

- Don't hate,
- don't lie
- don't cheat
- don't steal.

These are words that bring life and truth to our society. But society cannot follow suit unless it is first regenerated by the Holy Spirit and then the words read and followed that are within our Bible.

Our society has claimed that this text is outdated. The Bible, they tell us is untrue.

Our society, it would seem, is on the verge of crises but love is an old fashioned idea and we know better today anyway. Is this really true?

I strongly suggest that we follow and believe what Jesus said - that we should Love one another and forgive one another.

Salvation is Here

To invite Jesus into your life just read the prayer found at
www.Jesus-abc.com/php/heaven.php
and be sincere.

It really is a matter of life or death. You choose. No one else should or can make up your mind.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.^c Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

John 13:35

³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"^d says the Lord.

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."^e

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Paul the Apostle

John 14:10

¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

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