

Session #47: “SINCERE (WITHOUT HYPOCRACY) LOVE”— Romans 12:9-13

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Questions:

- What is the greatest evidence that you are living as a “living sacrifice”? Do you really love people?
- When you are in a queue or going into a line in the supermarket, how often do you step back and let someone else go first? How about at the airport in the boarding line? Right before the gate is closed? (v. 10)
- Do you connect God’s love in your heart with prayer? (v. 12)
- Do you think your job is a part of who you are? What is one of the purposes of your job? Are you willing to share? How do you use your job to demonstrate your love of God? (v. 13)
- Do you wait for strangers to come up to you, or do you go to them and introduce yourself to them – in church? -out of church? (v. 13)

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36

THE PRACTICES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 12:1-15:33

1A. AS TO LIVING FOR THE LORD - ROMANS 12:1-8

- 2A. AS TO THE LOVE OF THE LORD - ROMANS 12:9-21

1B. The CHARACTERISTICS of love - 12:9-13 cf. Dt. 6:1-4; Lev. 19:18; John 13:34; 1 Cor. 13;

Rom 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor (despising) what is evil. Cling (clinging or cleaving) to what is good

The key statement is: “Let love be without hypocrisy” “The love” (*The love not-hypocritical!* – in the original) (the word “Let and be” are assumed) Greek word: *ahupokritos* - used 6 times 2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:5; James 3:13-17; 1 Peter 1:22 (sincere, genuine)- NASB - “without hypocrisy”; NIV - “Love must be sincere”; NRSV - “Let love be genuine” - There are 12 participles (verbal adjectives, characteristics or descriptions, action words that modify the love of God-there are no main verbs until verse 14!!) that describe “love.” **Twelve descriptions that describe God’s love! The text describes that in the natural we are hypocrites!!! We need to love people!!!!**

1C. Love is Controlled by God’s standards - 9

1D. It includes despising what is evil - The Greek word, *apostugountes*, is only used here. - cf. Prov. 6:16-19 The word evil, *poneron*, is used often of Satan - “the evil one” - Matt. 13:19; Eph. 6:16; 1 John 2:13-14; 5:18 - cf. 1 Thess. 5:22 - “Abstain from all appearance of evil” - cf. example of our Lord - Heb. 1:8-9

2D. It includes doing what is good - The word “cling” in Greek, *kollomenoi*, (mortar in bricks) is used 10 times, 4 times with the preposition *pros*. cf. Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 5:31; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; 3:8-13

Rom 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

2C. Love is Careful about the feelings of others – 10

1D. It treats others like family - “kindly affectionate” (Greek: *philostorgoi* - only used here) to one another with brotherly love (Greek: *philadelphia* - used 7 times - cf. 1 Pet. 3:8-12)
2D. It treasures others with great respect - “in honor giving preference to one another” - Greek: *proegoumenoi* – only here - in honoring others, take the lead or set the example. You be the first to complement or honor someone else!

Rom 12:11 **not lagging in diligence** (energy), **fervent in spirit** (enthusiasm), **serving the Lord** (exaltation);

3C. Love is Committed to the service of the Lord - 11

1D. It involves energy - “not lagging in diligence” - Greek: *te spoude me okneroi*)

2D. It involves enthusiasm - “fervent in spirit” (Greek: *zeontes* - “to boil”) - cf. Acts 18:24-28

3D. It involves exaltation - “serving the Lord” - Never take your eyes off of Him! - cf. Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-24

Rom 12:12 **rejoicing in hope** (promise), **patient in tribulation** (patience with things), **continuing steadfastly in prayer** (praying without stopping);

4C. Love is Confident in God’s power and plan - 12

1D. It involves promise - “rejoicing in hope” - cf. Rom. 5:2; 15:13; 2 Cor. 6:10

2D. It involves patience - “patient in tribulation” - John 15:18-20; 16:33; Acts 14:21-23; - Rom. 5:3-5; 2 Cor. 12:7-10 (Greek: *hupomenontes* - “to bear up under a load”) - cf. Rom. 8:23-25; James 5:7-11

3D. It involves prayer - “continuing steadfastly in prayer” - cf. Col. 4:2-4; 1 Thess. 5:16-18
Do you connect God’s love in your heart with prayer?

Rom 12:13 **distributing** (fellowshipping) **to the needs** (helping with material/financial needs) **of the saints**, **given to hospitality** (a Spiritual gift).

5C. Love is Concerned about the needs of others - 13

1D. It involves helping when there are material and financial needs - (Greek: *koinonountes* - “fellowshipping” - Heb. 13:16) - cf. Eph. 4:28; James 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17-18

2D. It involves hospitality - (Greek: *ten philoxenian diokontes* – means given over to it! - to follow or pursue it!) - cf. Heb. 13:1-2; 1 Pet. 4:9-11;

WITH REGARD TO GOD’S LOVE - ARE YOU LIVING WHAT YOU SAY YOU BELIEVE?

DO YOUR ACTIONS TOWARD OTHERS GRIVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

Heb. 13:15-16; Ez. 47:1-5