



#2 Rethinking Love

Romans 12:9-21

A GENUINELY LOVING BODY OF BELIEVERS

Romans 12:9 *Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.*

¹⁴ *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

1. LOVE WHAT IS GOOD: Develop an intense commitment to embracing goodness.

2. LOVE EACH OTHER: Cultivate a family-like devotion and affection for fellow members of Christ's Body.

3. LOVE GOD: Pursue a passionate spirituality that is eager to serve God with joy, perseverance, and continual dependence.

4. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS: Seek to build harmonious, peaceful relationships through humble, honoring interactions with those around you.

5. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES: Reject the inclination to retaliate when treated unjustly, but overcome evil through faith and active concern.

John 13:35 "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."