

INSIDEout Series  
Week 18 outline  
6.13.21  
Romans 12:9-21

## LIVING FOR PEACE

### I. **Cling to what is good** (Vs 9)

#### A. Hypocrisy free Love

##### **Sincerity**

1. Agape Love takes center stage
  - love that is more than just how "I" feel
  - love that is more than just friendly
  - love that has total concern for others not self
2. Free of hypocrisy
  - the Church is no place for a stage... so don't just "act" loving... BE loving!
  - any action without love is a clanging cymbal. It has no value!

#### B. Detest what is evil

##### **Discernment**

1. *"And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."* (Romans 12:2)
  - the world's pattern for love is often hypocritical and selfish
  - the only way to break out of that pattern is to spend time with Jesus
  - let our minds be renewed daily and allow Him to give us His worldview.

### II. **Love in Action** (Vs.10-19)

Paul's Recipe for Christian Love includes...

#### A. **Affection and Honor** (vs.10)

- The Church in action - Acts 2:42-47

#### B. **Enthusiasm** (vs.11)

- on mission and fired up!

#### C. **Patience and Prayer** (vs.12)

#### D. **Generosity and Hospitality** (vs.13)

#### E. **Mercy** (vs.14)

- Don't just love those who are easy to love... even gentiles do that! (Luke 6:31-36)

#### F. **Sympathy, Harmony, and Humility** (vs.15-16)

- Do you feel what they feel? Are your minds unified through Christ?
- Do all your friends look and act just like you?

#### G. **Forgiveness** (vs.17)

#### H. **Peace** (vs.18)

- Whose job is it to pursue peace? (hint: YOURS!) (Matthew 5:23-24)

#### I. **Trust** (vs.19)

- "Leave room for the wrath of God" - do you trust God to take care of Everything?  
What do you hold onto?

PAUL'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT A GRAB-BAG OF SLOGANS  
MEANT FOR BUMPER STICKERS AND FOREARM TATTOO'S  
BUT INSTEAD REVEAL WHAT WORLD CHANGING LOVE LOOKS LIKE

### III. BUT WHAT ABOUT "THEM"? (vs. 20-21)

#### A. Action (vs.20)

- *"if your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him a drink"*
  - Love is a verb not a noun.
  - Our job is to bring the gospel to EVERYONE and in every way we can think of!
- *"in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head"*
  - No this doesn't mean that they will finally "get what they deserve"
  - Coals on a head symbolized repentance!
  - Our job is to share the gospel, leave room for repentance, and help them follow Christ!  
Both for the people we love AND EVERYONE ELSE TOO!

#### B. Playing by new rules (vs.21)

- We don't fight fire with fire and we don't fight evil with evil
- We don't fight for our rights, our freedoms, or our way. Our fight is not against flesh and blood.
- Our fight is for the Gospel of Jesus to be spread to the world, and our weapon is Love.

OUR GREATEST FEAR SHOULD NOT BE LOSING THE BATTLE  
BUT WINNING A BATTLE THAT DOESN'T MATTER

- So... What are you fighting for?
- Seek God, hear Him, obey Him, be lead by Him and do things His way...  
and go change the world!