

4. TRUE LOVE _____ -

ENTHUSIASM IN SPITE OF SET BACKS

5. TRUE LOVE _____ -

IN HOPE

6. TRUE LOVE _____ -

TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS WITHIN THE ASSEMBLY

CONCLUSION

HOW TO LOVE

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ROMANS 12:9-13

Introduction

Three weeks ago while looking at Romans 12:3-8 we saw what the Gospel looks like all dressed up in a human body - yours. Every believer has a responsibility and an obligation to live out the Gospel within their local church family. How do you relate to those who are a part of the family of God right where you are? Paul is very practical as he applies the sound doctrinal teaching of the first eleven chapters of Romans. In chapters 1-8 he explains the Gospel - in chapters 9-11 he illustrates the Gospel - and in chapters 12-16 he applies the Gospel to everyday life. In 12:9-13 Paul details certain obligations every believer has as they interact with fellow believers within the assembly. The key phrase and the theme of this whole section is "**LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY...**" (12:9a) ...or as the Phillips translation puts it - "**LET US HAVE NO IMITATION CHRISTIAN LOVE**". Paul is calling for all Christians to manifest true love in their lives and the evidence of such love will be first seen and felt within the Body of Christ - the Church.

1. TRUE LOVE _____ -

SIN BUT NOT THE PERSON

2. TRUE LOVE _____ -

RELATIONSHIP = THE GROUND OF CONCERN - NOT FRIENDSHIP

3. TRUE LOVE _____ -

OTHERS MORE DESERVING THEN YOURSELVES