

1. *Believers Together: Discovering the Word – October 19, 2022*

Love—Romans 12:9–21

Topics:

Conflict, Enemies, Forgiveness, Life, Love, Revenge

Open It

1. What advice would you give to someone who wanted some practical wisdom on how to get along with others?

Romans 12:9–21 (ESV)

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

²⁰To 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.”

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

Explore It

2. What should we hate? (12:9)
3. What is genuine love like? (12:9, 13, 18–21)
4. What attitudes should we strive to have? (12:9–16)
5. In what ways ought we to treat others as more important than ourselves? (12:10, 13, 16, 20)
6. What instructions does God want us to observe in our relationships? (12:10, 13–21)
7. With whom does God want us to live at peace? (12:18)
8. What is the purpose of showing kindness to an enemy? (12:20)

Get It

9. How can a Christian learn to love others as God loves them?
10. In what ways is Christian love more than emotion?
11. Why should we be joyful when we are suffering?

Apply It

12. Whom do you need to love and bless this week even though he or she hurts you?