

Bible Study of Romans
Romans 12 (2)

Romans 12:9-21 is an exposition of the qualities of Christian love. But the chapter becomes even richer and deeper when you keep peering upon the verses until you see the face, hear the voice and see the beauty of the heart and life of Jesus Christ. May God endear Him to us when we study the calling of sanctification.

1. How must we avoid becoming 'depressed' when we study the life of sanctification and come face to face with our daily failures?
2. One good exercise is to picture verses 9-21 as the 'portrait of love'. See if you can summarize with one word the details of this portrait of love in the following verses:
 - a. vs. 9: sincere
 - b. vs. 10: kind
 - c. vs. 11:
 - d. vs. 12:
 - e. vs. 13:
 - f. vs. 14:
 - g. vs. 15:
 - h. vs. 16:
 - vs. 17:
 - vs. 18:
 - vs. 19:
 - vs. 20:
 - vs. 21:
3. What is hypocritical love? Any examples on the Bible?
4. How do you abhor evil? What does the word 'cleave' mean in this connection? Are these related to the love mentioned earlier?

5. Is the love that binds or unites us to the spiritual family more secure and deeper than those with your own physical family?
6. How do you cultivate tender affection to a saint who is annoying or extra demanding?
7. We are to prefer and honor others above ourselves. But how do you do this when you are gifted while the other is not so gifted?
8. Verses 11-13 list a number of personal duties of Christian love each saint is to cultivate in his or her own spiritual life. Why is the cultivation of our own spiritual 'garden' so important?
9. Is God's will for us in vs. related to our daily work or is this strictly related to the context of love?
10. Is there an internal connection between the three items in vs. 12? (In the Greek, the sentences are livelier as they read *In hope, rejoicing; in tribulation, patient; in prayer, continuing instant*).
11. How can we obey God's call in vs. 13 when you have nothing to give away or when you don't have a fancy house or are no good host(ess)?
12. "The Gospel comes with a house key" is the title of a book about Christian hospitality. The Greek word means literally 'love the strangers.' Is that kind of hospitality a missed opportunity for evangelism?