

Transformed Love: Be Transformed Part 3

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Romans 12:9-18 *“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”*

1. Transformed Love is Without Hypocrisy – Romans 12:9

- We are not to be like *hypocrites* and wear masks
- The world’s pattern of love often will love to manipulate others to get what you want
- *Agape* love is the kind of love God had for us and we are to have for others

2. What Transformed Love Looks Like

- a. Sincere love seeks what is spiritually best for the other person – vs. 9
- b. Sincere love doesn’t give up, no matter what comes along – vs. 11, 12
- c. Sincere love is practical – vs. 13-18

Questions:

1. How would you describe the kind of love that many in the world show that is contrary to *agape* love?
2. How might you describe the difference between one who seeks what is best spiritually for someone, and one who is constantly critical and judging of others?
3. *Read I John 3:17*. What does John say about one who will not love a brother in practical ways? What kind of practical ways can you show?

Prayer: *“Father, thank you for loving us. It is because you first loved us that we can love You in return. It is also our desire to show Your kind of love to others around us- agape love. Help me to have the transformed mind to be able to love in these ways: to seek the best spiritually for those around me, to never give up, to love in practical ways. I pray that others will see the love of Christ in me and give glory to the Father because of it. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen!”*