

Romans 12:9-10 (JBP)

Let us have no imitation Christian love. Let us have a genuine break with evil and a real devotion to good. ¹⁰ Let us have real warm affection for one another as between brothers, and a willingness to let the other man have the credit.

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

1 Peter 4:7-8 (NIV)

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

**LOVE - HATE -
CLING?**

Romans 12:9-10

⁹ **LOVE** must be sincere.

HATE what is evil;

CLING to what is good.

¹⁰ Be **DEVOTED** to one another in
brotherly love.

HONOR one another above yourselves.

To **HATE** and **CLING** call for emotional involvement and energetic action. **Turning AWAY** from evil means **turning TOWARD** what is good and **CLINGING to it.** LAB

Focus of vs. 9...

- **Authenticity** - Love must be **SINCERE**
- **Purity** - **HATE** what is evil, **CLING** to what is good

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The Christian's LOVE should be...

- **GODLIKE-** that loves in spite of the circumstances
- **DELIBERATE-** that chooses to
- **ONGOING-** even if it is rejected
- **GENUINE-** not counterfeit

→ Always speak **TRUTH** - in the
context of **RELATIONSHIP**

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Love does **NOT** ignore the reality of sin,
it does **NOT** justify or condone sin.

Confrontation of sin is appropriate and
necessary, especially when we
demonstrate love.

However, it is just as **important**
to demonstrate a willingness to FORGIVE
and then to **move on.** HNTC

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¹⁰ Let us have **real warm affection**
for **one another**
as **between brothers...** (JBP)

¹⁰...Outdo one another
in
showing honor. (HCS)

Only those who are **offering** themselves
daily as a living sacrifice to God
can possibly carry out the command
to **Honor** one another
above yourselves.

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Focus of vs. 10...

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- **Devotion** - be devoted to each other
- **Humility** - outdo each other in showing honor

¹⁰ Be **DEVOTED** to one another in brotherly love. **HONOR** one another above yourselves.

Philippians 2:5-6 (HCS)

Make **your own attitude** that of Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, existing in the form of God, **did NOT consider equality with God** as something to be used for **His own advantage.**

Philippians 2:7 (HCS)

Instead **He emptied Himself** by assuming
the **form of a slave**, taking on the likeness
of men. And when He had come **as a
man** in His external form,

Philippians 2:8 (HCS)

He **humbled Himself** by becoming
obedient to the **point of death** -
even to **DEATH** on a **CROSS**.

John 13:1 (NIV)

...**Jesus knew** that the **time had come**
for Him to leave this world
and go to the Father.

Having loved His own who were in the world,
He now showed them the
full extent of His **LOVE**.

John 13:14-15 (NIV)

Now that I, **your Lord and Teacher**,
have washed your feet, you also should
wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you
an **example** that **you should do AS**
I have done for you.

¹⁰ **Love each** other with **genuine affection**, and take **delight** in **honoring** each other. (NLT)

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NIV)

I pray that out of His glorious riches
He may strengthen you with power
through His Spirit in your inner being,
¹⁷ so that **Christ** may **DWELL** in your
hearts through faith...

3:17 Then Christ will
make **His HOME** in your hearts
AS you **TRUST** in **Him**. (NLT)

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and **know** my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ Point out **anything** in me that offends **You**,
and lead me along the path
of everlasting life.