

The Gospel in Romans-Part 23
Rom. 12:9-21

- The _____ of Christian Love in Gospel _____ (vv.9-16)
 - This entire section is governed by the overarching _____ of _____ for each other within the church and for others outside the church.
 - We are to be _____ (loving) people.
 - The word for hypocrite basically means “_____.”
 - We are to be horrified by evil to the point that we not only find it _____, but we are find it _____.
 - To be “fervent” in spirit is to _____ and _____ with passionate adoration for and service to God.
 - Verse 12: Praise, perseverance, and prayer are central to the ongoing life of gospel community.
 - But how do we _____ our neighbors when we don’t even _____ them?
 - Note that we love _____ even when we don’t like ourselves.
 - We are _____ to find sin in ourselves precisely because we do love ourselves.
 - In the same way, to love others is to value and wish for their _____ and be _____ by their sin.
- The _____ of Christian Love to Fallen _____ (vv. 17-21)
 - Paul now turns from teaching on loving each other _____ the church to how we love those _____ the church.
 - The central concern for Paul in these verses is that Christian people _____ culture. (vv. 14, 17, 19, 21)
 - This is one of our central and most cherished _____.
 - Revenge is a _____ of the _____ that goes all the way back to Genesis 4 (see also Gal. 5:19-21)
 - But revenge culture only leads to ever _____ cycles of retaliation and hostility.
 - Michael Bird: If we are to _____ evil, we cannot _____ evil by _____ evil.
 - Instead we overcome evil by patient endurance, entrusting ourselves to the _____ of God.
 - The day of _____ is coming for all of us.
 - Are you ready?

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- The Directive of Christian Love in Gospel Community (vv.9-16)
 - This entire section is governed by the overarching ethic of love for each other within the church and for others outside the church.
 - We are to be authentic agape (loving) people.
 - The word for hypocrite basically means “two-faced.”
 - We are to be horrified by evil to the point that we not only find it unattractive, but we are find it repulsive.
 - To be “fervent” in spirit is to boil and burn with passionate adoration for and service to God.
 - Verse 12: Praise, perseverance, and prayer are central to the ongoing life of gospel community.
 - But how do we love our neighbors when we don’t even like them?
 - Note that we love ourselves even when we don’t like ourselves.
 - We are sorry to find sin in ourselves precisely because we do love ourselves.
 - In the same way, to love others is to value and wish for their good and be grieved by their sin.
- The Display of Christian Love to Fallen Humanity (vv. 17-21)
 - Paul now turns from teaching on loving each other inside the church to how we love those outside the church.
 - The central concern for Paul in these verses is that Christian people renounce revenge culture. (vv. 14, 17, 19, 21)
 - This is one of our central and most cherished vices.
 - Revenge is a fruit of the flesh that goes all the way back to Genesis 4 (see also Gal. 5:19-21)
 - But revenge culture only leads to ever escalating cycles of retaliation and hostility.
 - Michael Bird: If we are to resist evil, we cannot repay evil by replicating evil.
 - Instead we overcome evil by patient endurance, entrusting ourselves to the righteous wrath of God.
 - The day of judgment is coming for all of us.
 - Are you ready?