

Jan 21st 2007: Rom 12:9-13: Genuine Love

From the moment God created...He has chosen to reveal Himself...**thro** message of love

Even when He had to discipline.....the obvious underlying reason...was love

Other gods in the Bible....(non gods)...**seek** control thro fear

1. But our God.....so loved the world that He gave

In His Son God expressed His love to mankind.....through a human being
God became flesh and dwelt among us

- **God's message of Forgiveness.....of salvation.....of reconciliation to Himself**

Was carried by love

Love was the vehicle...God used....to break through the barrier that man sets up

In 1 John 4:9 This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

- **Yet once the man of love.....Jesus.....ascended**

The message still needed to be continuously proclaimed

And God chose to proclaim it through the same Body.....of Christ.....

In it's new form.....as the church on earth

*We are gathered as the body of the Lord and we worship Him with one accord
For He does not dwell in buildings made of stone He dwells within the hearts of men
alone. And we're the hands, we're the feet we're the ears, we're the eyes.
He's the head through his blood we are supplied
And as our lives touch and unions form that cannot be disjoined We are made visible,
the body of our Lord.*

- **The visible body of Jesus now on earth....is the church**

believers who are surrendered.....Who daily present their bodies

Through this Body.....God's power is released into....by the Holy Spirit

In a special enabling way.....through the gifts He gives each believer.....(12:3-8)

- **But the burning power that is the message itself**

Is not these gifts.....whether they be prophecy....healing...tongues.....serving

They are just the tools.....that help convey the message→that Power is love

In 1 Cor 12.....Paul presents yet another list....spiritual gifts...and he did so knowing that for many in the Corinthian.....**Having** the more obvious.....become an obsession

And consequently he ends that section by saying

And now I will show you the most excellent way

And in chapter 13.....He talks about the need for genuine love....**That** most excellent

Love was the motivating force in Jesus when.....It must be the motivating force....
And it must be genuine

- **This is exactly the same theme.....find here in Romans 12:9ff**

Gifts.....(like those mentioned in 3-8) are important
BUT YOUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER....FOR THOSE OUTSIDE.....IS VITAL
Therefore.....it Must be genuine

Romans 12:9ff : Is all about..... Practicing Genuine Love

So in v9.....First Given →THE BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR THE CHURCH
love must be sincere (genuine)

- **The original Greek.....heightens the meaning**

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THE OVERALL WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS

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(stronger than HATE) shudder...abhor (EVIL)

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5. τω κυριω
the Lord

δουλευοντες
serving (devoted slave)

servicing the Lord.

6. τη ελπιδι
in hope (confidence)

χαιροντες
rejoicing

Be joyful in hope.

7. τη θλιψει
in affliction (pressure, distress)

υπομενοντες
showing endurance.....perseverance

patient in affliction

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8. τη προσευχη
in prayer

προσκαρτερουντες
steadfastly continuing

faithful in prayer

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A KEY ISSUE OF GENUINE LOVE
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to the needs (necessary things) of the saints

κοινωνουντες
imparting.....giving
Koinonia = Fellowship(Clyde's com)

Share with God's people who are in need

την φιλοξενιαν των ξενων
the kindness to the strangers(hospitality)

διωκοντες
pursue earnestly

Practice hospitality

Next week.....have more aboutself giving

But this morning.....leave you.....a story of the impact.....genuine love
.....can make.

Story in last Thursdays TWFT

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Pornography Domestic violence Drunkenness Gossip Immorality.....

These damage the pure love message...whole body...lets evil in

cling to what is good

κολλωμενοι τω αγαθω
kollomenoi (GLUE yourselves TO) (GOOD)
Good Samaritain.....Though it was a Jew in need.....Stuck to doing the good thing

Then in verses 10—12

EIGHT PRACTICAL DIRECTIONS TO AIM FOR

Note how each phrase opens with the same Greek word

- τη φιλαδελφια εις αλληλους φιλοστοργοι
in brotherly love to one another tenderly affectionate

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love

Work hard at promoting an affectionate family atmosphere

- τη τιμη αλληλους προηγουμενοι
in honour towards one another preferring the other

Honour one another above yourselves

Sense here of wanting other believers....have a blessing before you.

- τη σπουδη μη οκνηροι
in zeal (energy, enthusiasm) not slothful (idle)

Never be lacking in zeal.

- τω πνευματι ζεοντες
the spirit burning
but keep your spiritual fervour
Don't loose your enthusiasm for the Lord's work.....
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