

HOW TO GROW IN LOVE

ROMANS Part 26

Romans 12:9-21

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In this passage we have one of the most straightforward and practical descriptions of what it means to really love. Jesus said that love is the proof that we are His disciples (John 16:33-34). The first half of this passage (vs. 9-16) deals with how to love “FAMILY”. The second half (vs. 17-21) describes how we are to love PRE-FAMILY.

I. LOVING THE “FAM”: HOW TO GROW A LOVING CHURCH (8 STEPS)

1. **Be genuine.** (vs. 9)

We must reject **sin** without rejecting **people**.

2. **Be careful of other’s needs.** (vs. 10)

I Peter 3:8

3. **Be contagious with enthusiasm.** (vs. 11)

Rev. 3:15, Col. 3:23

4. **Be positive, patient and prayerful.** (vs.12)

Rom. 5:3-5

5. _____ (vs. 13)

James 2:15, 1 John 3:16

6. _____ (vs. 14)

Matt. 5:10-12

7. _____ (vs. 15)

8. _____ (vs. 16)

James 2:1-19

II. LOVING THE “PRE-FAM”: HOW TO RESPOND WHEN WRONGED

* _____ (vs. 17)

* _____ (vs. 18)

* _____ (vs. 19-20)

* _____ (vs. 21)

