

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.

Let My Love be Real

Romans 12:9-10

Romans 12:9-10 (NIV)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Vs. 9 Summary...

- **AUTHENTICITY** - Love must be **SINCERE**
- **PURITY** - **HATE** what is evil
CLING to what is good

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Christians are to show to others
a Godlike LOVE
that loves in spite of the circumstances,
a deliberate love that decides it will
keep loving even if it is rejected.
Our love is to be GENUINE,
not counterfeit.

→ Always speak

TRUTH

in the CONTEXT

of Relationship

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Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

Above all,

LOVE each other DEEPLY,
because love **COVERS** over a
multitude of sins.

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.**

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Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

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.

Vs. 10 Summary...

- **DEVOTION** - be devoted to each other
- **HUMILITY** - outdo each other in showing honor

Philippians 2:5-8 (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.** [7] 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, [8] **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.**

I have set you an **EXAMPLE**

that you should

DO as I have done

for you.

Romans 12:10 (NLT)
Love each other
with genuine affection,
and take **DELIGHT**
in honoring each other.

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, **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...**

[3:17] (NLT) ...Then **Christ will make his home in your hearts** as you trust in him.

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it so easy to put on MASKS?
2. Why is Sincere Love so HARD?
3. How can we Hate Evil and Cling to what is Good as we seek to love others?