



Persisting Love for One Another

Lesson Fifty-Eight • Hebrews 13:1-6

Hebrews 10:19–13:19 Is the Last Major Section | *Keep Moving Forward to God’s Future Salvation...*

□ By **preserving FAITH!** Ch 11:1–12:1-2

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (12:1-2)

□ In **perfecting HOPE!** Ch 12:1-29

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.” (12:22-24)

□ With **persisting LOVE!** Ch 13:1-25

“Let love of the brethren continue.” (13:1)

14 more commands flow from this one and nearly all are **PRESENT** tense, second person, plural:
“Y’all keep on obeying these commands!”

PERSISTING LOVE...						
<i>For One Another</i> (13:1-6)	<i>With Church Leaders</i> (13:7, 15-17)	<i>By Unchanging Grace</i> (13:8-9)	<i>In Bearing Reproach</i> (13:10-14)	<i>As Believer Priests</i> (13:15-19)	<i>From the Great Shepherd</i> (13:20-21)	<i>To Keep Moving Forward</i> (13:22-25)

Persisting Love for One Another

1. Persist in Loving with **SKIN** on It! (13:1-2)

Our persevering faith and perfecting hope motivate our **PERSISTING** love for one another!

Hebrews 7:3, 24; 10:34; 13:1, 14

➤ Persist in showing **BROTHERLY** love as God’s family.

“Let love of the brethren continue.” (v. 1)

Phileo + Adelpnos = “Love of Brother”

➤ Persist in sharing **HOSPITABLE** love to strangers. (v. 2a)

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,” (v. 2a)

Phileo + Xenos = “Love of Stranger”

➤ Don’t **NEGLECT** bother-love and stranger love when life gets hard. (v. 2b; 6:10)

“for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (v. 2b)

Two Old Testament Examples: Abraham and Lot *Genesis 18:1-8; 19:1-9; cf. Judges 6:11-14; Job 31:32*

1. Abraham’s Hospitality: God sends people – *even angels* – to **BLESS us** when we need it most!

2. Lot’s Hospitality: God sends people – *even angels* – to **SAVE us** even when we don’t think we need it!

2. Persist in Loving Those SUFFERING! (13:3)

- Persist in remembering those in **PRISON**.
"Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them," (v. 3a; 10:32-34)
- Persist in remembering those being **PERSECUTED**.
"and those who are ill-treated," (v. 3b; 11:35-38)
- Don't **FORGET** you suffer bodily hardships, too.
"since you yourselves also are in the body." (v. 3c)

3. Persist in Loving with SEXUAL Purity! (13:4)

- Everyone is to persist in honoring the **COVENANT** of marriage doctrinally.
"Marriage is to be held in honor among all," (v. 4a)
- Everyone is to persist in not defiling the **CONSUMMATION** of marriage practically.
"and the marriage bed is to be undefiled" (v. 4b)
- Don't be **DECEIVED** God judges all sexual immorality.
"for fornicators and adulterers God will judge." (v. 4c; Galatians 5:19, 21; Ephesians 5:5-6; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Revelation 22:15)

4. Persist in Loving with True SECURITY! (13:5)

Phileo + Adelpnos = Love of Brother"

Phileo + Xenos = "Love of Stranger"

Phileo + Argyros = "Love of Silver"

- Replace coveting with being **CONTENT** with what God has provided.
"Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have;" (v. 5a; 1 Timothy 6:6, 10)

"Part of what it means to be devoted to the city of God instead of the city of man is to be content with what God has given, to give Him thanks and praise each day for the gifts granted." – Tom Schreiner
- Remember God's promise of **HIMSELF** is your true security.
"for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,'" (v. 5b)

Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Joshua 1:5; Genesis 28:15

5. Persist in Loving by Trusting Your SOVEREIGN Helper! (13:6)

"so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my Helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?" (v. 6)

Psalms 118:6

Persist in Loving One Another

Identity: Love one another like God's family!

Hospitality: Invite others in to love them!

Solidarity: Go to where others are to love them!

Sexuality: Keep loving one another with honor and purity!

Security: Be content to love others instead of things!

Safety: The Lord is your Helper so persist in loving without fear!!

Persist in Loving One Another Especially in the Hard Times for Our Lord Persisted in Loving Us in His Hard Times on Earth and Persists in Loving Us in Our Hard Times from Heaven!

Say It Together with Confidence: *"The Lord is my Helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?"*