

The Heart of the Christian Life (Pt. 1)

Romans 12:9-21

I. The Greatest Priority of a Christian (9a)

A. The Nature of Biblical Love

B. The Source of Biblical Love

1. Love is one of God's attributes (8:39).
2. God's love was perfectly demonstrated in our Lord's incarnation and redemptive work (5:8).
3. God's love was behind His sovereign choice of us (9:13).
4. God's love is made clear to us by the work of the Spirit, illuminating God's Word (5:5).
5. Our love is a response to God's love for us (1 Jn. 4:10-11, 19).

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- Love God (Dt. 6:5; 10:12; 11:1; Josh. 22:5; 23:11; Ps. 31:23)
- Love Others (Lev. 19:18)

D. The Preeminence of Biblical Love

- Mt. 22:37-38; Mk. 12:28-34

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E. The Objects of Biblical Love

1. God (9b, 11a,b,c, 12a,b,c, 16c)

2. Fellow Christians (10a,b, 12c, 13a,b, 15, 16a,b, 17, 18-21)

3. Unbelievers (14, 15, 16b, 17, 18-21)

4. Enemies, unbelievers & at times even believers (14, 17a, 18-21)

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- F. The Quality of Biblical Love

II. The Practical Expressions of Love (9b-21)

- A. Our Response to God's Word (9b)