



- I. When believers' interactions are characterized by **love**, they will want to:
 - a. **Abhor** what is evil
 - b. **Cling** to what is good
 - c. **Honor** fellow believers
 - d. Never **lack** in zeal
 - e. Be **enthusiastic** in spirit
 - f. **Serve** the Lord
 - g. **Rejoice** in hope
 - h. **Endure** in suffering
 - i. **Persist** in prayer
 - j. **Share** with needy believers
 - k. **Practice** hospitality
 - l. **Nurture** the spirit of non-retaliation
 - i. Sermon on the Mount
 - ii. Stephen
 - m. **Empathize**, whether in joy or pain
 - n. **Live** in harmony – v. 16
 - o. **Seek** good for all
 - p. Do not **return** evil for evil
 - q. Live peaceably, so **far** as it depends on you
 - r. **Avenge** not, but let God – vv. 19-21
 - i. **Shock** your enemy with good
 - ii. He will have to answer for it
- II. The basic goal of all the believers' actions on earth is to imitate their Master in not surrendering to evil, but **overcoming** evil with good.

The Big Idea: When love **undergirds** all our interactions, we will overcome evil with **good**.