

SERMON NOTES (audio/notes are online @ HBChurch.net)



Series: *EXTRAORDINARY LOVE – ROMANS 12:9-21*

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Sermon: **Genuine Love – Romans 12:9**

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Romans 12:9 - Let love be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good. (CSB)

Romans 12:9 - Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. (NIV)

Romans 12:9 - Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. (ESV)

LOVE:

- *anupokritos*
- *sinecera*
- Love in a way that lets the _____ be revealed.

Jesus came to transform selfish self-sellers like us into sincere lovers of others.

HATE:

- True genuine love is _____.
- Real love doesn't ask you to _____ at the door.

Jesus teaches that the mark of authenticity for believers is _____. (John 13:34-35)

ENEMIES OF GENUINE LOVE:

#1. _____

#2. _____

#3. _____

- Self-righteousness produces

#4. _____

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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Please Complete These Question *BEFORE* Arriving at Your Life Group

QUICK REVIEW: 1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you? What was the one big thing that blessed you?

2. Pastor Jason quoted C.S. Lewis: **"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to be sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable."** (C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*, page 121) Discuss with your Life Group what you think C. S. Lewis is trying to say.

DIGGING DEEPER: 1. Look up each of these verses of Scripture and describe (based on the words and context of the verse) what the Bible is teaching us about love:

- 2 Corinthians 6:6
- 1 Timothy 1:5
- James 3:17
- 1 Peter 1:22.

2. Romans 12:1-2 teaches us that "true worship" is an active life of serving God in your home church, using your spiritual gifts (Romans 12:3-8) to actively manifest the presence and power of God through ministry, fellowship, discipleship, worship, and evangelism. Romans 12:9-21 gives us examples of what that looks like.

So, just like Romans 12:9-21 is an application of Romans 12:1-8, Romans 12:10-21 is an application of Romans 12:9. Based on Pastor Jason's exposition of Romans 12:9, defining the biblical definition of genuine Christian love, apply that definition or application of that definition to each of the verses in Romans 12:10-21. In other words, **read verses 10-21 one at a time** and describe how Romans 12:9 is applied with that verse.

APPLICATION: This Saturday our church will host a ***Car Show and Trunk or Treat*** to raise funds for the HB Youth Shelter. Our congregation will have a great opportunity that Saturday to welcome hundreds of people to our church campus and share with them the ***genuine love of Christ***. Pray for the event and make plans to get involved. We need everyone's help to show hospitality and goodness to our community and (Read again Romans 12:13, 21). Please arrive at **9:30 AM** so we can get organized in our responsibilities (e.g. parking attendees, greeters, etc.)