

LOVE GOD BY LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Romans 14-16

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- How would you describe Christian unity?
- How do you understand God's command to love one another?

Our love for God is expressed in how we love one another, including how we Christians live in unity with one another. Out of love for one another, we can withhold judgment about things that are not central to the Gospel because love is an act of servanthood. Through love we imitate Christ and through our love of and for others, God blesses and encourages us in the faith.

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Reflection

After listening, consider:

- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hozzee and Darrell Delaney make the distinction between salvation issues and things addressed in Scripture that allow for disagreement or differences in interpretation. Make a list of things you think fall into each category. Why do you think each item fits in each category? Include any Scripture references that have shaped your convictions.
- Have you ever thought about love and deference being an act of servanthood? How does love relate to humility, meekness, and sacrifice? And how does such a posture imitate Christ?
- Scott points out that the word for forgiveness that Jesus uses in the Lord's Prayer means to "drop it." This doesn't mean that you ignore your own feelings or how something affects you, but that you don't hold it against or judge the other person. Reflect on how Jesus has done this for us. How are you doing at forgiving in your own life? What obstacles keep you from forgiving and being less judgmental?
- How do you love? Describe what love looks like in different spheres of your life: within your family, among your friends, at or through your work, in your church community, in your city, and even on a global scale. Reflect with God in prayer on what you see (or don't see). What have you learned in this series about how you might grow in love for God and neighbor?

Related Passages

- **1 Corinthians 8:9-13**
- **John 13:12-17**
- **Philippians 2:1-4**
- **Galatians 3:28-29**

- 1 John 4:7-21

Conclusion

Make your “ten” list, like Darrell and Scott do at the end of segment 3. Who are some of the people who are special to you and have influenced your spiritual life? Reflect on your list in at least two ways. First, give specific thanks to God for these people and their witness—maybe even send them a shout out! Second, evaluate your list: is it made up of diverse people, like Paul’s? If not, are there such people who have influenced you?

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