



# CANYON BIBLE CHURCH

The Lordship of Jesus (Part 1),  
and a godly love of others (Part 2).

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Romans 12:3-21

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Part 2 – **CONSIDER** others above yourself, and so **ACT**. Romans 12:3-21  
*“The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’  
There is no other commandment greater than these.”* Mark 12:31

- **Love with affection that honors others.** Humility considers others interests first. God grants the increase, and produces the work. Be steadfast in your love for God and living out His will.  
Rom 12:10; Phil 2:3-4; I Thess 3:12-13; Rev 2:3-5

## 1. Have a godly love for fellow **PRACTICING** believers. Vs 3-13

Instructions for our interactions with **FAITHFUL** believers.

- VS 3-5 Think biblically about yourself, without being self-focused. Be focused on Jesus, *the head*, and the church, *the body*.
- **Vs 6-13 The body functioning rightly when it’s “easier”.**
- Vs 6-8 Use your God-given gifts (faithfully, humbly, clearly, generously, with zeal, mercifully, and with joy)
- Vs 9-13 Use your God-given gifts rightly (sincerely, righteously, steadfastly, persevering in glorifying God, and meeting other’s needs)
- Love in deed and truth. Love one another, by the Spirit. Love one another, with God’s love. Love one another, because God loved us. Loving God, will give you a love for your brother. The church meets fellow needs, with praise to God.  
I Jn 3:16-18, 23-24; I Jn 4:7, 11, 20-21; Acts 2:44-47

## 2. Have godly love for **SELF-PROCLAIMED** believers. Vs 14-16

Instructions for our interactions with professing Christians, that are **NOT PRACTICING**, yielding spiritual fruit. 2 Cor 5:14-21

- **Vs 14-16 The body functioning as it should, even when it’s “more difficult”**
- V14a Have a Christ-like response amidst persecution – *bles*s: to invoke divine favor upon. How far is your heart from responding this way rather than *in kind*? 2 Cor 5:16

- V14b ... *therefore*, bless them and do not curse them because of their sinful acts of persecution.
- V15a Give thanks to God – with those are rejoicing! *Help direct praise to God as a reminder to that all good gifts come from above.*
- V15b Enter into others sorrow, and *so weep with them. Acknowledge, and recognize others reasons for sorrow. Be compassionate towards them.*
- V16a Live out your life complementary with each other. *Make a beautiful noise to the Lord together. Enhance each other’s song to the Lord.*
- V16b Refrain from puffing yourself up, being separated from those in humble circumstances. *Rather be amidst them in equal posture and position.*
- V16c Don’t be prideful, and elevate yourself. *Think clearly and correctly (biblically) about yourself (v3). Have a sober, right-spirited, consideration of yourself.*

## 3. Have a godly love for non-Christians, even those who **PERSECUTE** believers. Vs 17-21

Instructions for our interactions with all those who have **YET TO SURRENDER** to Christ’s Lordship.

- **Vs 17-21 Loving others when it is “seemingly impossible”**
- V17 Payback of evil is dishonoring to God. *How did Jesus respond against evil? What response would glorify God, and might bring others to do the same?*
- V18 Live at peace with everyone. *Exhaust your resources to conduct yourself peaceable with all.* Gal 5:22
- V19 Rest in God for His timing, and His just wrath. *Was He patient with you in your sinfulness, so that you might come to know Him?* Rom 3:23-26; 5:1-11
- V20 Provide for your enemy’s needs. *Do you know their needs? Is your enemy hungry or thirsty – feed and water them. We are not called by God to be vigilantes – trying to enforce His justice in the world.*
- V21 Dwell on things above, and so act. *Let the Lord rule your heart, and be at peace. Overcome the evil amongst you with goodness.* Gal 5:22
- Stay true to God’s commands. God judges the wicked. Consider your ways, and cry to God for help. Ps 119:110, 119, 121
- Love your enemies. Pray for them. Be perfect. Mt 5:44-48;
- Provide and care for your enemy. Prov 25:21-22