

Love One Another Part 5!

KJV 1 Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

Paul tells the church at Thessalonica he doesn't need to write to them about **brotherly love** because **God Himself is teaching them**.

As I stated in an early message **brotherly love is the strongest love two people can have outside the marriage covenant**.

It's the Greek word *Philadelphia* and is a special love believers have for one another since they have the same Heavenly Father!

A great example is seen in Jonathan and David!

ESV 1 Samuel 18:1 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

Jonathan after hearing the great feats of David seeing his humility, honor and willingness to serve God, Israel and his father Jonathan made a covenant with David.

Brotherly love is based on our love for God, his family and his community—not personal gain, or fun and games.

Since they would be living in the palace (kingdom) together Jonathan made a covenant with David—taking off his royal garments and giving them to this lowly shepherd boy thus making David his equal.

Saying to David now you are as much a son in this house and a prince over Israel as I am and I recognize the calling and anointing on your life.

This is **brotherly love** at its finest! It's based on **covenant** not feelings!

KJV 1 Peter 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Honor here means to estimate the value a person has in your life and respect and treat them accordingly.

Everyone deserves respect, but not everyone deserves the same honor!

Peter says estimate the value of all men, but—ag-ap-pah-o (sacrificially love) the brotherhood!

ESV Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

We should be kind, pleasant and thoughtful to everyone, but when it comes to the household of faith there should be a special relationship!

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

10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

We should try to outdo one another with kindness, respect and love!

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In conclusion Paul says The Lord taught the saints at Thessalonica how to love one another.

This says several things:

1. Brotherly love can be learned!
2. Brotherly love is not emotional and
3. Brotherly love is a command!

They didn't have the bible as we have it today, so it must have been their fellowship with The Holy Spirit who taught them!

ESV John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

It is The Holy Spirit who teaches us the love of God, so brotherly love is spiritual and not emotional!

The Holy Spirit teaches us what the **true** love of God looks like so we are not deceived by **false, fake insincere love!**

Since we are **commanded** to love one another God enables us to do it!

God anoints us to love, not just preach, pray, prophesy and cast out demons!

❖ In fact the real proof we are anointed is the ability to love supernaturally!

It's not the size of our churches, the buildings we erect, the programs we have or the anointing we walk in!

ESV 1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (we get on people's nerves)

2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

Nothing here means “*no one to know, non-existent in The Kingdom and has not seen or heard from God.*”

Since God is LOVE how can anyone possibly speak for God without His love—they cannot!

KJV 1 John 4:8 **He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**

ESV 2 Corinthians 5:14 **For the love of Christ controls us...!**

We need a **revival of God's Love** flowing through The Body of Christ!

The church seems to have grown in visibility—there are more churches on TV than ever, we're all over social media—very visible.

We've grown in knowledge while decreasing in love and popularity.