Romans: The Gospel For Today Part 26 1/5/2020

Romans 12:9-21

What's Love Got to Do With It?

Introduction:

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." - **John 13:34-35**

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." - **John 15:12-13**

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. - **Romans 12:1-2**

Love is Pure

9 *Let* love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

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- 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
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Love Makes Peace

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