

# ROMANS FROM WRETCHEDNESS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

### Romans 12 (Part 2)

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#### From Wretchedness to God's Righteousness



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(v9-21) Requirements of Love And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...

Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

### Mark 12:30-31



v5:8 – "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

v5:5 – "…because **God's love** has been **poured out into our hearts** through the **Holy Spirit**, who has been given to us."

v8:35, 38-39 – "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ... neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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# RECIPE FOR

Recipe For Love Ingredients: NT 1 Cup of Romance 1 Pinch of Humor 2 spoonfuls of joy 1 lb of Compatibility 3 Tablespoons of Trust 1 Cup of Respect 1/2 lb of sharing 1 Zest of Tenderness and 3/4 Cup of Patience ...



#### Ingredients

2 Hearts Full of Love
2 Heaping Cups of Kindness
2 Arms full of Gentleness
2 Cups of Friendship
2 Cups of Joy
2 Big Hearts Full of Forgiveness
1 Lifetime of Togetherness
2 Minds Full of Tenderness

#### Method

Stir daily with Happiness, Humor and Patience. Serve with Warmth and Compassion, Respect and Loyalty. Love is in the air, in the rising of the sun Love is in the air, when the day is nearly done And I don't know if you're illusion Don't know if I see truth But you're something that I must believe in

And you're there when I reach out for you

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# Truth without love is too hard; love without truth is too soft.

John R.W. Stott

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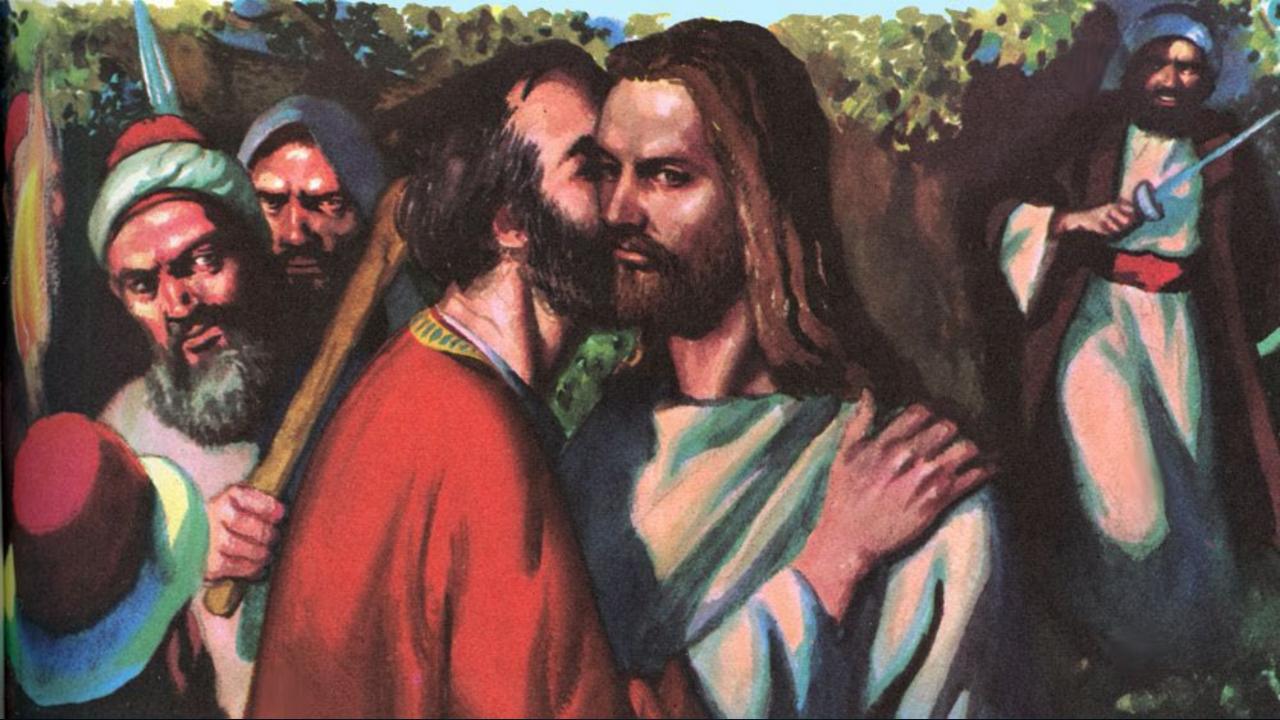
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#### **1. Sincerity**

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. (Gk. Anypokritos)

> = Without hypocrisy, genuine, real

"If love is the sum of virtue and hypocrisy is the epitome of vice, what a contradiction to bring the two together." ~John Murray



### 2. Discernment

### <sup>9</sup>...Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. (*Gk. Apostygeo*)

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"The issue here is not the consequence of evil. A truly good man passionately hates evil because of what evil is not because of what he'll get if he does it. He hates it because it is his holy nature. He hates it because God hates it and he loves God"

~John MacArthur~

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= to stick/bond as if with glue

#### **3. Affection**

## <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. (*Gk. Philostorgos*) (*Gk. Philadelphia*)

(only here) = tenderly affectionate, as in family love, eg between parent and child = brotherly/sisterly love

#### 4. Honour

<sup>10</sup> Honor one another above yourselves (*Gk. Ti-me*) (*Gk. Proegoemai*)

Giving someone real value and worth = leading onwards or preceding

Phil 2:3-4 - "...in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

#### 5. Enthusiasm

### <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking (Gk. Okneros) in zeal, (Gk. Spoude) = slothful, slow Cf v8 = diligence

but keep your spiritual fervor, (Gk. Zeo)

*serving the Lord.* (*Gk. douleuo*)

= (lit.) to boil, to be fiery hot



<sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, (*Gk. hypomeno*) = enduring faithful in prayer.

1 Cor 13:4 - "Love is patient...

#### 7. Generosity

### <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people (*Gk. koinoneo*) who are in need.

= have in common, share, participate

#### 8. Hospitality

### <sup>13</sup> Practice hospitality (Gk. Dioko) (Gk. Philoxenia)

= pursue earnestly

= kindness to

strangers





#### 9. Good Will

# <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; (*Gk. Eulogeo*) (*Gk. Dioko*)

#### = Pursue with malignity

bless and do not curse.

Mt 5:44 – "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...."

#### 10. Sympathy

### <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

#### 1 Cor 13:4 - "...Love does not envy...."



#### <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. (Gk. Phroneo to auto)

#### =(Lit.) Think the same thing

Phil 2:2 "..then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

#### 12. Humility

# <sup>15</sup> Do not be proud, (Gk. Hypselos) = Arrogant, lofty thoughts

but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. =Wise in your

(Gk. Phronimos)

own eyes

#### Phil 2:5-8

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!



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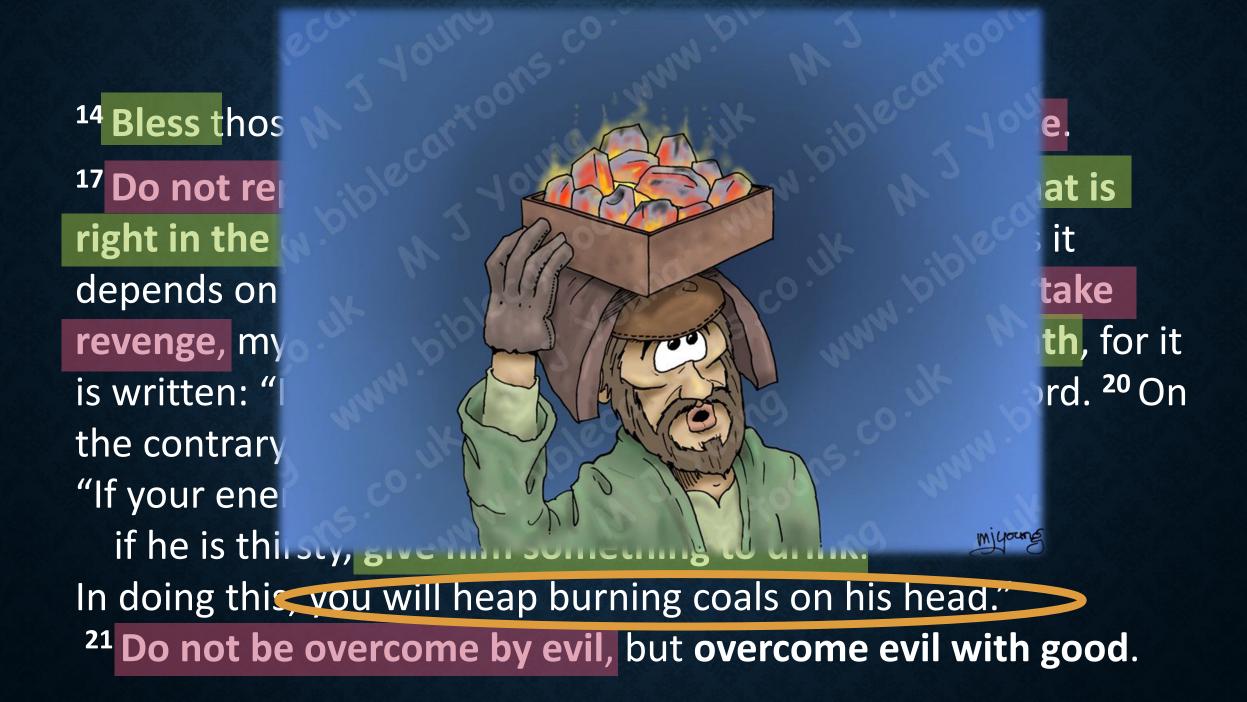
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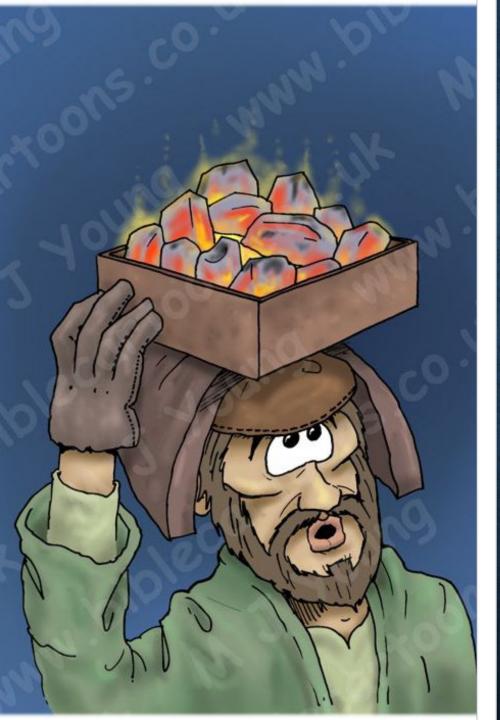
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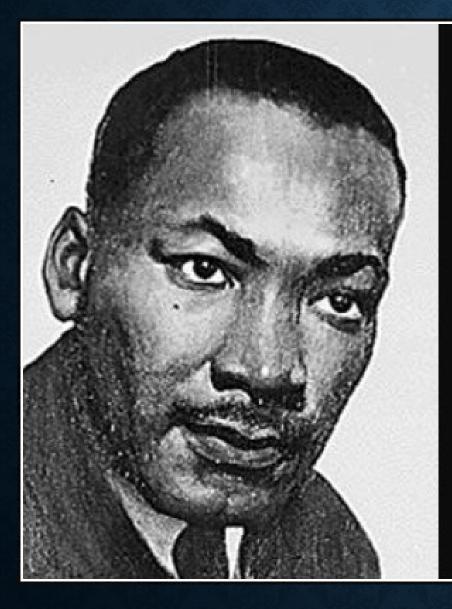




"Burning coals represent a dynamic symbol of change of mind which takes place as a result of a deed of love... the coals of fire heaped on him are intended to heal, not to hurt, to win, not to alienate, in fact, to shame him into repentance. ~John Stott~

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Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

— Martin Luther King —

AZQUOTES



"Now there is a final reason I think that Jesus says, "Love your enemies." It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. Just keep being friendly to that person. Just keep loving them, and they can't stand it too long ..."



"... Oh, they react in many ways in the beginning. They react with guilt feelings, and sometimes they'll hate you a little more at that transition period, but just keep loving them. And by the power of your love they will break down under the load..."



".... That's love, you see. It is redemptive, and this is why Jesus says love. There's something about love that **builds up** and is creative. There is something about hate that tears down and is destructive. So love your enemies."

(from "Loving Your Enemies")

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#### **Loving Our Enemies**

Do Not Curse
Do Not Repay Evil for Evil
Do Not Take Revenge
Do Not Be Overcomed by Evil

Bless Do what is right, Live at Peace Leave Room for God's Vengeance, Serve our enemies Overcome evil with good

Eph 5:1-2 "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God"

# APPENDIX / BACK UP

