

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"Real Love"
Hebrews 13:1-6
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The Thought Of Our Passage: "Love Is Not Merely Personal, But If Truly Experienced, Transcends The Personal, Social, And Material World."

1. Verses 1-3 – Be Loving

2. Verse 4 – Be Pure

3. Verses 5-6 – Be Content

1. Verses 1-3 – Be Loving:

Hebrews 13:1

Context: Hebrews 12:29 – "for our God is a consuming fire."

"What we think about God has everything to do with our relationship to each other and the world!"

Verse 1 – Love Must Continue: "Let love of the brethren continue." – "brotherly love" – two English words which are the translation of one Greek word "philadelphia". The word refers specifically to "the love of one Christian for his brother in the faith, displaying kindness, sympathy, and helpfulness."

The Church Of Philadelphia Demonstrated This Love: Revelation 3:7-13.

"Let love of the brethren continue." – Literally "Let the brotherly love remain, keep on loving each other as brothers."

Persecution, along with pressure from a pagan culture can produce 2 opposite effects: 1) Christians can be drawn closer. 2) Christian's can become distant to each other, annoyed, and critical.

John 13:34-35

Romans 12:10

1 Thessalonians 4:9

1 Peter 1:22

1 John 3:14

That love, however, needs to be increased by the effort of each believer, Hebrews 10:24.

Verse 2 – Love Through Hospitality: Hebrews 13:2

Hotels were non-existent in those days; the inns had the reputation that they were unsafe, immoral, dirty and expensive.

“Do not neglect” – implies that the readers had stopped many acts of social benevolence.

“hospitality” – a compound word consisting of “love” and “strangers”; strangers – “dear ones”; brethren even though strangers.

Romans 12:13

1 Timothy 3:2

“some have entertained angels” – Abraham, Sarah, and Lot, Genesis 18:1-8; 19:1-3

Parents of Samson – Judges 6:11-23; 13:3-21

Strangers May Turn Out To Be Blessings In Disguise: “for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Verse 3 – Loving Compassion: Hebrews 13:3

2 groups of needy believers are mentioned:

1. **“Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them,”**
– Hebrews 10:34.

Matthew 25:39-40

Acts 28:30

2. **“those who are ill-treated,”** – ill-treated, translated earlier in Hebrews 11:37; “ill-treated/tormented” refers to “believers who were going through difficult times – financially, physically, and socially.”

Hebrews 10:33

1 Corinthians 12:13

1 Corinthians 12:26

Helping strangers, travelers, prisoners, sufferers –
Leviticus 19:18

2. Verse 4 – Be Pure:

Hebrews 13:4 – “Marriage is to be held in honor among all,” – “Let marriage be precious to all of you.”

**Marriage Is A Treasure From God That Was Instituted By God:
Genesis 2:24.**

“Marriage” – is a man and a woman joined together before God for life.

Marriage is the building block in the structure of society.

1 Timothy 4:1-3

“honorable” – “a prized possession worthy of respect in all situations of life.”

1 Corinthians 7:25-27

“and the marriage bed is to be undefiled;” – Euphemism for “not breaking the marriage vows through immorality.”

“for fornicators” – Greek word por'-nos; we get the word “Pornography”. The term refers to premarital sexual sin.

“and adulterers” – those who break the vows through extramarital sex.

“God will judge.” – Hebrews 10:30-31

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

God's Solution To Difficulties In Marriage: Ephesians 4:32.

3. Verses 5-6 – Be Content:

Hebrews 13:5

"Make sure that your character is free from the love of money," – Context: marriage, and now money; their abuse, being covetous. Exodus 20:17

"character" – (KJV "conversation") "the manner of behavior; the method whereby a lifestyle is shown to others."

"is free from the love of money," – literally meaning "no love of silver", Matthew 6:24.

Colossians 3:5

1 Timothy 6:9-10

Ecclesiastes 5:10

1 Timothy 3:3 – "free from the love of money."

"being content with what you have;" – The opposite of covetousness is contentment. 1 Timothy 6:6-8

Philippians 4:11-13

Proverbs 30:8-9

2 Corinthians 9:8

The presence of Christ is the greatest possession of the child of God: "for He Himself has said," – This quote is taken from Deuteronomy 31:6, 8.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Deuteronomy 31:8

It may be translated, "For He Himself has said: 'I will absolutely not leave you nor forsake you under any circumstances.'"

Hebrews 13:6

2 Unconditional Promises:

- 1. Confidence** – “we confidently say, “THE LORD IS MY HELPER,”
Psalm 118:6.
- 2. Peace** – “I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?”
Romans 8:31.

Application:

1. We Must Will To Practice Brotherly Love – Our Words And Actions Must Be Committed To Enhancing Brotherly Love.
2. We Must Will To Practice Love Of Hospitality – Open Hearts And Open Houses Are The Christian Way. Hospitality Builds The Body Of Christ And Opens The Door To A Lost World.
3. We Must Will To Be Empathetic – Our Hearts Will Be Made Like Our Savior Jesus, Which Will Encourage An Authentic Christian Walk.
4. We Must Embrace God’s Standards On Sex And Money. Marriage Is God’s Divine Institution. Money As A Means To An End But Not The End.