

Sermon: Let Brotherly Love Continue
Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-6 (text vs. 1-3)

Introduction:

- I. Christians are called to love one another (v. 1; Heb. 12:14)
 - A. An on-going experience, “continue” (v. 1; Heb. 12:14; Rom. 12:10; I Peter 1:22, I Thess. 4:9-10)
 - B. Directed towards family, “brethren” (v. 1; Gal. 6:10; Eph. 4:4-6)
 - C. What this love looks like:
 1. Obedience to Christ’s commandments (John 15:9-10; I John 5:1-3; Eph. 4:31-32)
 2. The gospel lived out (John 3:16)
 - D. Hindrances to this love:
 1. Pride (v. 2)
 - a. Personality differences
 - b. Doctrinal and personal preference differences
 2. Satan
 3. Ignorance as to what real love is (I Cor. 13:6)
 4. Presuming we are when we aren’t
- II. This love will be visible, observable, obvious. Two examples (v. 2,3):
 - A. Hospitality (v. 2; Rom. 12:13; I Peter 4:9)
 - B. Prisoners, those treated wrongly (v. 3; 10:32-34)
 - C. Hindrances to this love:
 1. Preoccupied with ourselves
 2. Spiritual blindness (Matt. 25:35,36,40)
- III. The importance of this love: We have no reason to believe we are Christians without it (I John 3:10,14,17,18; 4:9-11; Matt. 25:41-43).