

# Let Brotherly Love Continue

Sermon 51 in the Hebrews Series

## Hebrews 13:1

Overview of the chapter (paraphrase of Geoffrey Wilson)

**1-17** – renounce the vain ritual of a Judaism that has given way to the promised New and better Covenant – and join Him outside the camp of Judaism

**18-21** – Request for prayers – and a benediction with a doxology

**22-23** – an exhortation to heed the message, greetings and final benediction

**1 Pet 3:8** -- “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, *be* courteous:”

**1 Thess 4:9** “But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I write unto you: for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.”

### I. The Exhortation Itself

### II. The Practical Problems Associated with Obeying this Exhortation

A. A Real Danger for this Small Jewish Congregation.

B. How to Obey This Exhortation – Watch your Heart and your Tongue

- As you pray for someone – really pray for them – you will find that your heart will go out to them in a larger way.
- When you speak poorly of someone, it makes it hard for you to love them.
- As you downgrade, gossip or denigrate someone you harden your heart toward them.

Everything we say comes from our hearts.

Expanded exhortation of Hebrews 13:1 -- **1 John 4:7-11**

### III. The Philippian Exhortation

A. A Biblical Illustration -- Phillipians 4:2-3

## B. The Doctrinal Exhortation – Phil. 2:1

1. Any consolation in Christ
2. Is there comfort to be found in the love of Christ?
3. Are we partakers together with the Holy Spirit?
4. Does the Holy Spirit stir up within us love for our brothers and sisters in Christ?

## C. Their Practice in Light of this Doctrine Phil 2:2-5

1. Fulfill my joy Phil 2:2
2. Having the same love, of one accord, of one mind Phil 2:2
3. Honoring others above ourselves. Phil. 2:3-4

## IV. What is True Love? -- 1 Cor. 13:4-7

From this description – we can see

Love is an Action.

Love is An Attitude.

Love is an Action and an Attitude which will produce feelings.

We get it very wrong when we value “feelings” above proper actions and proper attitudes.

Love is something we all need to give – not just receive.

**Rom 5:8** -- *God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*