

## Completing the Picture of Christ - Conclusion

*Romans 12:1-21*

*Romans 12: 9-13*

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

- I. **Completing the Picture of Christ requires an ACTIVE LOVE for one another.** *Romans 12:9*

7 **Action steps** for having a sincere love for one another.

1. Be **DISCERNING** v. 9 – *It says cling to what is good, hate what is evil.*

Believers in Jesus Christ have 3 enemies

- The WORLD is around us.
- SATAN is against us.
- The FLESH is within us.

But we also have 3 incredible allies

- The CHURCH is for us
- The WORD of God is with us.
- The HOLY SPIRIT dwells within us.

*Drewlian Family Proverb* - It is always RIGHT to do RIGHT. It is never WRONG to do RIGHT. It is never RIGHT to do WRONG.

2. Be **DEVOTED** to one another v.10 - *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*
3. **HONOR** one another v.10 – *Honor one another above yourselves.*
4. Be **PASSIONATE** v. 11 – *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*
5. Be **JOY-FILLED** v. 12 – *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

6. Be **PATIENT** v. 12 – *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

7. Be **GENEROUS** v. 13 - *Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

II. Our completing the picture Christ **DISPLAYS** the manifold wisdom of God. *Ephesians 3:8-12*

III. Our completing the picture Christ proves that Jesus Christ has **DEFEATED** Sin, Death and the Fall of humanity.

*Our problem as revealed in the fall of humanity...*

- Sin became our IDENTITY.
- Humanity became SELF-RELIANT.
- Humanity became SELF-OBSESSED.

*God's solution as revealed through Christ Jesus...*

- Christ has given us a NEW IDENTITY in Him. Jesus took our sin upon Himself and paid its death price on the cross.
- Jesus compels us to ABIDE in Him, not in our own strength. He wants to be our life, not to pursue godliness in our own strength. Christ Himself becomes our life and strength.
- Jesus calls us to turn away from a Self-OBSESSED Individualism and to be UNIFIED as the Body and Bride of Christ.

***Completing the Picture of Christ is revealed through love.***

*John 13:34-35*

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*