

SMALL GROUP LESSON

JANUARY 28, 2018

"GETTING REAL & FITTING IN WITH "ONE ANOTHER"

ROMANS 12:9-13

A number of surveys have been conducted comparing the life styles of Christians and non-Christians. Over and over again the surveys have revealed that there is very little difference between the two. Both groups tend to act and behave in the same way. That's disturbing because God's people are supposed to be different. They should exemplify the life of Christ in what they say and in what they do. In these five verses Paul provides us with a number of ways in which we can let our light shine (Matthew 5:16) so that the world will know that we belong to Jesus. Let's take a look at them.

1. What do you think that Paul meant when he said in verse 9 that our love should be sincere? And what does that have to do with hating evil and clinging to that which is good?
2. Take a look at verses 10 and 13. Paul is speaking about the way Christians should treat one another. How would you describe what he is saying?
3. Have you ever heard someone say that a fellow believer was "on fire for the Lord?" Is that what Paul is talking about in verse 11? How would describe this kind of person?
4. In verse 12 Paul tells us to do three things. What are they and how would our lives be different if we could put them into practice?

Godly love, agape love, is not an emotion. It is a rational decision to speak and act in ways that are genuinely beneficial to others. It's loving others in the same way that God has loved us. With that in mind, to whom can we turn to help us become that kind of person?