

**CHRISTIAN “LOVE TOWARD THOSE WITHOUT
(Romans 12:17-21)**

I. The Source Of Our Love (John 3:16)

II. We Are To Exercise This Love First Of All To Others Within The Body Of Christ! (Romans 12:9-16)

III. We Are To Exercise This Love Toward A Hostile World (Romans 12:17-21; John 15:18-19)

A. What Is The Context For This Statement On “Love”? (John 15)

- 1) To _____ (John 15:1-11)
- 2) To _____ (15:12-17)
- 3) To the _____ (15:18-19)

B. How Should We View The World?

1. We are ___ the world, but we are not to be ___ the world in our thinking... when we are _____ the world, we _____ our _____ to the world!
2. What will keep us from _____ to the world?

C. The Manifestation of Our Love Toward A Hostile World (Romans 12:17-21)

We are to...

1. Live _____ (12:17a) ... “*repay no one evil for evil...*”
2. Live _____(12:17b) ...by “*having regard for good things in the sight of all men*”

3. Live _____ (12:18) ...“*if it be possible... live peaceably with all men!*”

4. Live _____ (12:18) ... “*If possible....live peaceably with all men*”

5. Live _____ (12:20-21)

a. practical application (vs 20)

- God’s love through us is designed to meet _____
- An illustration in the life of David (2 Samuel 16)

- “*heap coals of fire on his head*”
- In returning acts of love toward your enemies... it may turn them from hostile enemies to _____ in the Lord – thus they could become your _____ in time!

b. Positive conclusion v 21

- _____ *overcome* of evil (present, passive, imperative)...
- But... _____ (master) evil with good (God’s goodness via His Spirit) (present, active, imperative)

- The _____ represents the highest manifestation of hatred or evil by man _____ God ! (1 Peter 2:21-25)