

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM YOU IN 2015?
(LOVE TOWARD A HOSTILE WORLD)
Romans 12:17-21 (Pt 9)**

I. THE SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

II. THE EXERCISE OF "BROTHERLY LOVE" WITHIN THE BODY OF CHRIST (12:9-16)

III. THE EXERCISE OF LOVE TOWARD A HOSTILE WORLD (12:17-21)

A. How Does the World View Christians? (John 15:18-19)

3 main points...in this chapter:

1. The believer's relationship to _____ (15:1-11)... the need here is to _____ in Him!

- Why is "*abiding*" so crucially important?

a. If we are to bear _____ for Christ we must _____ in Him to do it! (15:4-5b)

"abide" (meno)

b. As we abide in Christ, we will _____ & commune with God in _____ that God will answer in the affirmative (15:7)

c. Our abiding in Christ _____ God the Father & shows others we are _____ of Christ (15:8)

d. Our abiding in Christ is the very means of experiencing _____ in the Christian life (15:11)

2. The believers relationship to _____ (15:12-17)... the need here is to _____ as Christ had loved them!

- How has Christ loved us? - Vs 13

3. The believer's relationship to the _____ (15:18-19)... because of our _____ / _____ with Christ, we should expect _____ from the world we live in!

- Now why would that be?

B. How should Christians view the world?

1. We are _____ the world but not to be _____ the world... when we become like the world, we lose our _____ to the World.

- What will keep us from _____ to the world?
 - 1) The _____ effect of the _____ (John 17: 14-18; Hebrews 4:12; Psa. 119:9-12)

 - 2) The _____ power of perpetual _____ by the Spirit & WOG!
(Romans 12:2; 13:14; Eph. 4)

 - 3) By laying aside _____ & _____ that easily _____ us in our Christian life race
(Hebrews 12:1)

 - 4) By _____ the author & finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2-4)

 - 5) Through the _____ of the Lord when needed (Hebrews 12:5-11)

 - 6) By being careful not to _____ the amazing _____ available to you
(Hebrews 12:12-15)

2. Believers out of fellowship with God are a _____ to God's purpose & program & will not _____ the love of God to a lost & hostile world.

C. The Manifestation of the Believer's love Toward A Hostile World (Romans 12:17-21)