



# The Book of Romans

## How to be Right with God

(Romans 12:14-21)

The Practical Application from our Justification:

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*“The INs and OUTs of living in Love”*

# Outline:

1. Review
2. ἀγάπη love in the Church vv. 9-16
3. ἀγάπη love in the world vv. 17-21

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## Observation:

- Personal growth vv. 1-2
- Corporate growth vv. 3-8
- Conduct in the church vv. 9-16
- Conduct in the world vv. 17-3:7

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### Observation:

#### 1) Love without hypocrisy v. 9

- Abhor evil
- Cling to good

#### 2) Be kindly affectionate to one another v. 10

- With brotherly love
- In honor, giving preference to one another.

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### Observation:

#### 3) Not lagging in diligence v. 11

- Fervent in spirit
- Serving the Lord

#### 4) Rejoicing in hope v. 12

- Patient in tribulation
- Continuing steadfastly in prayer

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### Observation:

5) Distributing to the needs of the saints v. 13

- Given to hospitality.

6) Bless those who persecute you v. 14

- Bless and do not curse.



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### Observation:

- 7) Rejoice with those who rejoice v. 15a (cf. Jn. 2)
- 8) Weep with those who weep v. 15b (cf. Jn. 11)
- 9) Be of the same mind toward one another v. 16
  - Do not set your mind on high things,
  - But associate with the humble.
  - Do not be wise in your own opinion.

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### Observation:

- Repay no one evil for evil
  - Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.
- Live peaceably with all men v. 18
  - If it is possible
  - As much as depends on you

## 2. ἀγάπη love in the world vv. 17-21

### Observation:

- Do not avenge yourselves, but give place to wrath v. 19
  - Quote #1: (Deut. 32:35; Ps. 94:1)
  - Quote #2: (Prov. 25:21-22; Mt. 5:44; Lk. 6:27) v. 20
    - \* cf. 2 Timothy 2:22-26
- Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. v. 21
  - Cf. Rom. 12:1-2

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### Observations from 1 Cor. 13:

- The necessity of love in using gifts vv. 1-3
- The definition of love vv. 4-8a
- The temporary gifts vv. 8b-12
- The permanence of love v. 13



Robert Dean, "Three Arguments for the Cessation of Tongues"  
(paper, Conservative Theological Society, Fort Worth, TX, 2002), 9.

“[T]he child represents the incomplete knowledge available to the infant, pre-canon church. Just as a child has inadequate knowledge to live as a mature adult, so the pre-canon church lacked a sufficient canon and doctrine to lead the spiritual life of the new Church Age. An adult reaches maturity when he is complete with the knowledge and skills necessary for life. So, too the post canon church has the completed canon of Scripture which is sufficient for every need, every problem, every difficulty in life. Through the learning of the doctrines of the Word under the filling of the Holy Spirit the believer is able to pursue spiritual maturity.”

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“When Paul was in his childhood, he thought as a child was expected to think. But when he became a mature man, he naturally put away childish thought modes. Similarly, when the church was in her infancy, she operated by means of bit by bit piecemeal revelation. But when she grew older, she operated by means of finalized Scripture. Thus, tongues were related to the Church in her infancy stage (cp. 1 Cor. 14:19, 20).”



## Summary/Application

- Cf. 1 John 1:3-11
- Believers are to love other believers.
- Believers are to love unbelievers.
- Unbelievers see the love of Christ when believers love.
- Love is not a feeling but a choice.
- Love is unconditional.
- Love is the intended end of God's revelation.

# How?

