



**First Baptist Church of Cypress**  
**Sharing the love**  
**Romans 12:9-21**

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As we conclude this year of 2019 and look straight ahead into 2020, Let us be reminded that if the Christian Faith produces all things but not love, then the Christian has gained nothing. We are to love in action by sharing love, living love, and practicing love.

**Romans 12:9-21**

*“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devout to one another in 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 affection, faithful in prayer. 13 Share the Lord's people who are in need. Patience in hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be able to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live in peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge: I will repay,” says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

**1. If a Person is SINCERE in Their Walk with the Lord; LOVE will Reflect in Their Character. (v 9-12)**

**2. Love is Reflected as We INTERACT with People We Meet in ALL Walks of Life. (v. 13-15)**

*“Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, hostile, respectable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not*

*quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own family well, and see that his children obey him, and he must do this in a manner of full respect.”*

***1 Timothy 3:3-4***

**3. Living a Life OF LOVE is Living the Life Jesus TAUGHT Us to Live. (v. 16-17)**

*“But I tell you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*

***Matthew 5:44***

*“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

***Romans 15:5***

**4. Practicing LOVE in Your Life is Praising the Lord for the LOVE He has Given Us.**

(v. 20-21)

*“For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.” 2 Corinthians 8:21*

*“But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27*