

ROMANS 50 – 12:9-10

Grace to do Good

1. 12:9 – Love without Dissimulation

- a. Our liberty and grace in Christ is for service to one another – Gal 5:13, 1Cor 10:23
- b. Grace teaches us to do good works – Eph 2:10, Titus 2:11-12, Titus 3:8
- c. There are grace gifts that are not proven by miracle, but by choice – 2 Cor 8:1-24
- d. *“without dissimulation”* – think politician, masked, fake, hypocritical, forced
- e. People are insincere to appease others. Love is reflected by speaking the truth.
- f. Politeness is not dissimulation but proper deportment and being respectful.
- g. Our love should be unfeigned for Christ’s sake – 2 Cor 5:14, 2 Cor 6:6, 1 Tim 1:3-5
- h. It’s love God first... and by our love of him we love others – Gal 1:10
- i. If any man love God... See Paul’s heart - 1 Cor 8:3, 1 Cor 16:22-24
- j. You cannot know a man’s faith by his works, but you can know what he loves.

2. Feigned Faith

- a. There is too much feigned faith in religion. Eze 8:14-16
- b. There is such a thing as church language, and church talk, and church voices.
- c. Why is it people say, “Lord willing”, or “God bless”, or “God led me to...”?

3. 12:9 – Abhor that which is evil

- a. *“abhor that which is evil”* – There is evil and you are to more than hate it
- b. Paul quotes prophecy here, but gives it to us under grace – Amos 5:15
- c. God hates things, if you love God you will to – Psalm 101, 119:104, 162-163
- d. There were wicked folks doing works for God, but are cut off – Matt 7:17-23
- e. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil - Prov 6:16-19, Prov 8:13, Prov 16:6
- f. If you love everything, you will hate those who don’t. – Prov 29:10
- g. God’s grace is the only way his enemies can be saved.

4. 12:9-10 – Cleave to that which is good

- a. Cleave has two meanings, they mean the opposite. Find this meaning in Gen 2:24
- b. Abhor is not the focus here, cleave is. When you love good; you will hate evil.
- c. How do you know the evil? By knowing the good... Rom 16:19
- d. Prove all things, hold fast to the good - 1 Thess 5:21-22 (how → Heb 5:14)
- e. Cleaving means we care much about it, and are at risk of suffering when it’s lost.
- f. It is easy to be hurt when we cleave, then we become indifferent. Keep cleaving.
- g. *“kindly affectioned one to another”* – disposed to do good to them - Eph 4:31-32
- h. This is what it takes to be a good minister towards others – Phil 1:20-21
- i. Why should we? For Christ’s sake. He died for us, he gave us grace.