

Sermon Notes

Let Love be Genuine (cont.)

Romans 12:14-13:7

Intro: love does not fit into neat boxes; and nor does a life of worship!

1. Gospel-driven Christian love is not limited... (12:15-18)

- **to our friends** → Bless those who attack you (14)
- **to the sad** → Join people in their joy (15)
- **to the happy** → Join people in their weeping (15)
- **to the easy to get on with** → Work for harmony (16)
- **to the impressive** → Never be proud socially (16)
- **to the Christians/not** → Seek peace in church & out (17-18)

Why? God's unlimited, undeserved mercy in gospel!!!!
(12:1-3)

Q: But how can Christians love enemies if grievously wronged?!

2. Christians should be gracious not vengeful, because we know God will justly punish all wrong ultimately (12:19-21)

Q: But has God made no provision for justice in this world?

3. Christians should obey and honour government, because the state is God's gift for maintaining some level of justice even now (12:6-8)

Conclusion: has God's gospel got you up for this all-life worship yet?