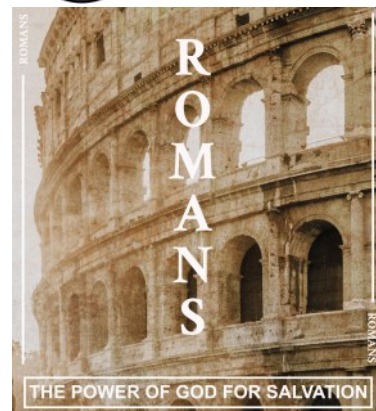


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Romans



***Authentic Love
Romans 12:9-13***

⁹ Let love be genuine.

Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Authentic Love Is...

"...abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good" - Vs.9

"Love one another with brother affection" - Vs.10

"Outdo one another in showing honor" - Vs.10

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation" - Vs. 3

"Contribute the needs...and...show hospitality" - Vs. 13



Getting Started

On Sunday, Pastor Jake connected *deep fake* AI videos to Paul's warning about *hypocritical love*. Share a time when you believed something that turned out to be fake—maybe an ad, video, or story. What made it convincing?

Digging Deeper (Read Romans 12:9–13)

1. Verse 9 says, “Let love be genuine” (literally, *without hypocrisy*). Define “hypocrisy”?
2. Love is not genuine when it's detached from truth and righteousness.
 - How might verse 9 speak to that?
 - How do popular ideas about love today differ from verse 9?
 - Examine and discuss how the following passages correct current ideas about love: Revelation 3:19; Leviticus 19:17–18; Proverbs 13:24; 27:5–6; Galatians 6:1.
3. Verse 10 says, “Love one another with brotherly *affection*.”
 - Why is it important that truth-telling is paired with deep affection?
 - What might this look like in different scenarios (family, friendships, church relationships)?
4. Paul commands believers to love with *brotherly affection* (vs.10).
 - What difference does it make that the model is **siblings**, not **parents, teachers, doctors, etc.**
 - For mature believers: how can we guard against making younger believers feel like *children* or *inferior*, rather than *siblings* and *equals*?
5. Verse 10 also says, “Outdo one another in showing honor.”
 - What does that look like in practice?
 - Why can this be hard to do, and how does verse 11 help us stay motivated?
 - Honoring others includes how we handle their failures. What was the example given on Sunday from the life of Noah, and what did it teach us?

6. Verse 12 calls us to *rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer*.

- If we take “rejoicing in hope” as rejoicing in **hope for others**, what does that mean?
- Pastor Jake said that great tribulations can cause some to lose hope, but from another perspective, they can be encouraging. What was the illustration used to make that point?

7. Verse 13 says, “Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

- What are some “needs” in our church or small group that go beyond financial ones?
- How does true hospitality—opening our homes, schedules, and hearts—reflect God's love?

Making It Real

Which of the five traits of genuine love from Sunday—**Anchored, Affectionate, Applauding, Anticipating, or Available**—needs the most growth in you this week? What is one specific way you can live that out at home, at work, or within our church family?

Resources_____

Romans: Righteousness from Heaven | R. Kent Hughes

www.blueletterbible.org

www.biblehub.com

www.preceptaustin.org