

Jan 21st 2007: Rom 12:9-13: Genuine Love

From the moment God created...He has chosen to reveal Himself...**thro** message of love

Even when He had to discipline.....the obvious underlying reason...was love

Other gods in the Bible....(non gods)...**seek** control thro fear

1. But our God.....so loved the world that He gave

In His Son God expressed His love to mankind.....through a human being
God became flesh and dwelt among us

- **God's message of Forgiveness.....of salvation.....of reconciliation to Himself**

Was carried by love

Love was the vehicle...God used....to break through the barrier that man sets up

In 1 John 4:9 This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

- **Yet once the man of love.....Jesus.....ascended**

The message still needed to be continuously proclaimed

And God chose to proclaim it through the same Body.....of Christ.....

In it's new form.....as the church on earth

*We are gathered as the body of the Lord and we worship Him with one accord
For He does not dwell in buildings made of stone He dwells within the hearts of men
alone. And we're the hands, we're the feet we're the ears, we're the eyes.
He's the head through his blood we are supplied
And as our lives touch and unions form that cannot be disjoined We are made visible,
the body of our Lord.*

- **The visible body of Jesus now on earth....is the church**

believers who are surrendered.....Who daily present their bodies

Through this Body.....God's power is released into....by the Holy Spirit

In a special enabling way.....through the gifts He gives each believer.....(12:3-8)

- **But the burning power that is the message itself**

Is not these gifts.....whether they be prophecy....healing...tongues.....serving

5. τω κυριω
the Lord

δουλευοντες
serving (devoted slave)

servicing the Lord.

6. τη ελπιδι
in hope (confidence)

χαιροντες
rejoicing

Be joyful in hope.

7. τη θλιψει
in affliction (pressure, distress)

υπομενοντες
showing endurance.....perseverance

patient in affliction

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8. τη προσευχη
in prayer

προσκαρτερουντες
steadfastly continuing

faithful in prayer

Then in v13

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THE ACT OF SELF GIVING

ταις χρειαις
to the needs (necessary things)

των αγιων
of the saints

κοινωνουντες
imparting.....giving
Koinonia = Fellowship(Clyde's com)

Share with God's people who are in need

την φιλοξενιαν
the kindness to the strangers(hospitality)

διωκοντες
pursue earnestly

Practice hospitality

Next week.....have more aboutself giving

But this morning.....leave you.....a story of the impact.....genuine love
.....can make.

Story in last Thursdays TWFT

- τω πνευματι ζεοντες
the spirit burning
but keep your spiritual fervour
Don't loose your enthusiasm for the Lord's work.....
- τω κυριω δουλευοντες
the Lord serving (devoted slave)
servng the Lord.
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