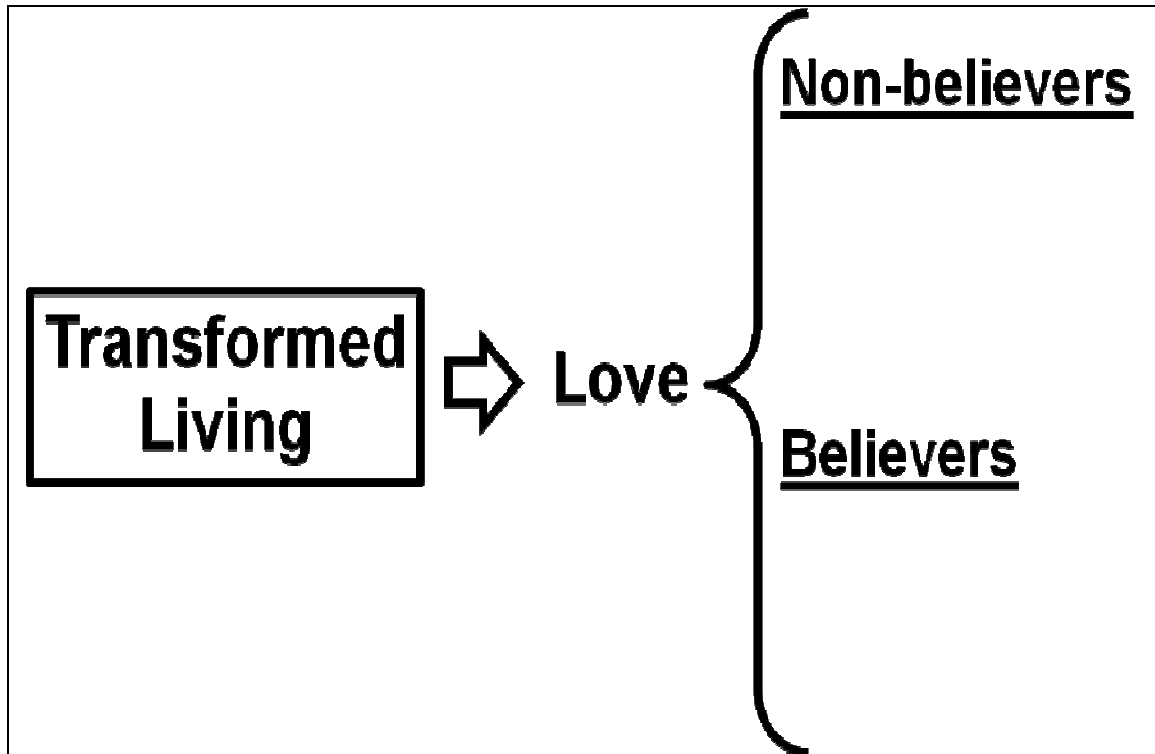


**Transformed Living: “From Being Alone to Being Connected”  
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- <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
- <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.
- <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
- <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you live peaceably with all.
- <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”
- <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”
- <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



**“Love is  
the commitment of my will  
to your needs and best interests  
regardless of the cost.”**

## Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

### **Monday-Tuesday**

- Let’s start with loving our enemies today. Read Matthew 5:43-48 and Luke 6:27-36. What is the contrast between what is heard and what Jesus says? What is he telling us to do differently?
- Identify what the Father does? How do tax collectors and pagans fit into the picture?
- What does it mean to bless these individuals? What can you specifically pray for?
- How would you describe your “enemies” today? What kind of attitudes, words, and actions are aimed at believers? How are we to respond in concrete ways? What can you do this week to begin “blessing” those around you?
- For further work, see 1 Corinthians 4:12 and 1 Peter 3:9.

### **Wednesday-Thursday**

- Let’s work on identifying with believers in their joy and in their sorrows. This is a picture of genuine love. Read 1 Corinthians 14:-26, and particularly notice verses 25-26. How would you describe the “body”? How is each member of the body to relate to the other members? What is God’s role?
- Seek to identify individuals in our church or in your family that are rejoicing or weeping. What do you need to do to be able to identify with them in such a manner that you rejoice and weep with them?
- What role does Romans 12:1-2 have in the development of genuine love which rejoices and weeps with others?

### **Friday-Saturday**

- Let’s work on “living in harmony” with each other. Read Romans 12:16 and Philippians 2:1-11. What barrier do you find that hinders harmony/unity in the family of God? What pattern do you find with Christ that we are to follow?
- What do you think it means (in light of Romans 12:1-21) to have the “same mind toward one another”? What can we concretely do to help bring that about? What do we need to do so that we do not become “wise in your own estimation”?
- Share your struggles in this area with a friend or a group of friends. How can you help one another to “not be haughty” and to work with the lowly? Begin doing that today and spend time together celebrating what God is doing in your lives.