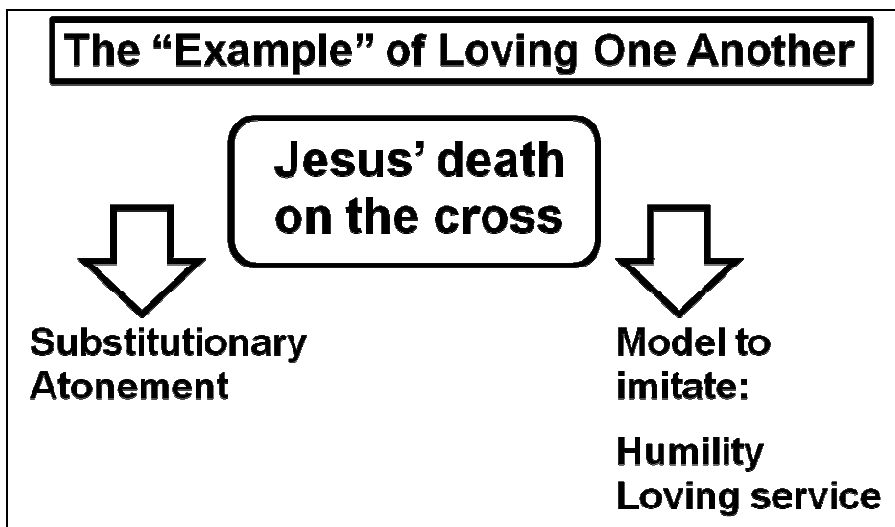
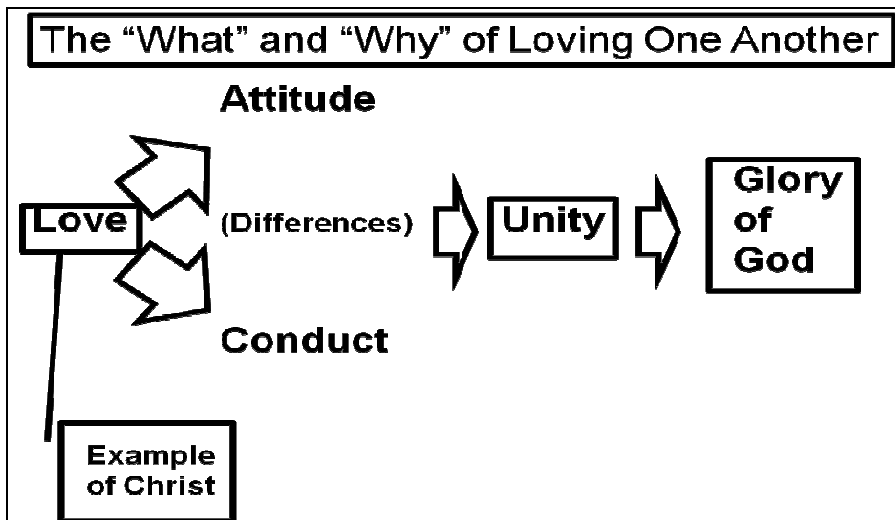


“Learning to Love One Another”
Romans 15:1-6

Romans 15:1-7 The Example of Christ

15 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



How to “Keep on” Loving One Another



So, how will I be different today because of these truths?

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

- After reading Romans 15:1-6, make observations about Paul’s example of selflessness in 1 Corinthians 10:33; Romans 8:8; Philippians 2:4.
- How would you contrast this with Galatians 1:10; Ephesians 6:6; 1 Thessalonians 2:4?
- What do you find out about “pleasing” in the following verses? See: Romans 8:8; 1 Corinthians 7:32, 33, 34; 10:33; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4, 15; 2 Thessalonians 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:4.
- **“What is involved is not the ‘pleasing people’ *rather than God* that Paul elsewhere condemns (Gal. 1:10; Col. 3:22; 1 Thess. 2:4; Eph. 6:6), but a ‘pleasing’ fellow believers *rather than ourselves*.”** How would you respond to this?
- Identify one or two ways you can practically apply what you’ve worked on today.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Romans 15:1-6 and 13:8-10. Identify what the Love Command is and what it looks like.
- The term “Neighbor” often occurs in the NT with the love command of Leviticus 19:18 (See Matthew 5:43; 19:19; 22:39; Mark 12:31, 33; Luke 10:27, 29, 36; Romans 13:9, 10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8; 4:12). What observations can you make from these passages?
- What do you need to do today to apply the love command today with someone who has differences with you?

Friday-Saturday

- Read Romans 15:1-6 and Psalm 69. This psalm is quoted in Matthew 27:34, 48; Mark 15:23, 36; Luke 23:36; John 2:17; 15:25; 19:29; Acts 1:20; Romans 11:9. What do you learn about Christ in these passages and how He is our example or model?
- What do you need to do today to imitate the humility and selflessness of Christ? For further work, read through Philippians 2:1-11; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Mark 10:45.