

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM YOU IN 2015?  
(LOVE TOWARD A HOSTILE WORLD)  
Romans 12:17-21 (Pt 10)**

- I. THE SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE
- II. THE EXERCISE OF "BROTHERLY LOVE" WITHIN THE BODY OF CHRIST (12:9-16)
- III. THE EXERCISE OF LOVE TOWARD A HOSTILE WORLD (12:17-21)

**A. How Does the World View Christians? (John 15:18-19)**

- Because of our \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, we should expect \_\_\_\_\_ from the world we live in!

**B. How Should Christians Respond to the World's Hostility?**

1. Although we are \_\_\_\_ the world, we are not to be \_\_\_\_ the world... when we become like the world we lose our \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.
  - What will keep us from \_\_\_\_\_ to the world?
    - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ effect of the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17: 14-18; Hebrews 4:12; Psa. 119:9-12)
    - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ power of perpetual \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit & WOG! (Romans 12:2; 13:14; Eph. 4)
    - c. By laying aside \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ that easily \_\_\_\_\_ us in our Christian life race (Hebrews 12:1)
    - d. By \_\_\_\_\_ the author & finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2-4)
    - e. By realizing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord may be upon us (Hebrews 12:5-11)
    - f. By being careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ the amazing \_\_\_\_\_ & the divine \_\_\_\_\_ available to us (Hebrews 12:12-15)
  - 2. Believers out of fellowship with God are a \_\_\_\_\_ to God's purpose & program & will not \_\_\_\_\_ the love of God to a lost & hostile world!

### C. The Manifestation of the Believer's love Toward A Hostile World (Romans 12:17-21)

1. Christ's love through us refuses to \_\_\_\_\_ when done wrong (12:17a) ... *"repay no one evil for evil"*
2. Christ's love endeavors to manifest \_\_\_\_\_ through us for the \_\_\_\_\_ of others (12:17b)... *"Have regard for good things in the sight of all men"*.
3. Christ's love through us seeks \_\_\_\_\_ with those outside the family of God (12:18) ... *"If it is possible ... live peaceably with all men"*
4. Christ's love seeks that we \_\_\_\_\_ our cause to God's \_\_\_\_\_ & not our own (12:19)... *"I will \_\_\_\_\_, says the Lord"*
5. Christ's love manifest through us can \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ to our Savior (12:20)
  - Paul's summary statement: (12:21) Only Christ's love through us can demonstrate the Christian's ability to \_\_\_\_\_ great \_\_\_\_\_ in a hostile world.
  - What has our study in Romans 12 taught us? (What does God want from you in 2015?)
    1. God wants you to present your \_\_\_\_\_ to him daily as a holy \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice for His purposes in 2015! (12:1)
    2. God does \_\_\_\_\_ want you to allow yourselves to be conformed by the world's standards, as they are \_\_\_\_\_ in perspective! (12:2a)
    3. Instead, God wants to totally \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ by the word & Spirit of God so you could do His good, acceptable, & perfect will this year (12:2b)
    4. God wants you to maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude as He resists the proud, but gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the humble in heart (12:3)
    5. God wants you to use your spiritual gifts for the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Christ here at GGBC (12:4-8)
    6. God wants His \_\_\_\_\_ to flow through you in a non- hypocritical, but \_\_\_\_\_ way to other members of the family of God (12:9-13)
    7. God wants His love to be a \_\_\_\_\_ through His own people to a lost hostile world that desperately needs \_\_\_\_\_ as their only Savior from sin (12:17-21)
    8. All of this should be for the \_\_\_\_\_ & for the \_\_\_\_\_ of His kingdom during our time!