



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: I Thessalonians 4:9-10 (NAS)

“Love for the Brethren”

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- 9 Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;
- 10 for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more,

I. PLEASING THE LORD

- A. Only True Believers Can Please God *Hebrews 11:6; Romans 8:8*
- B. Unbelievers Produce Self-Righteousness

II. LOVE OF THE BRETHREN

- A. Philadelphia – 2 Greek Words – Love And Brother
- B. The Command Is To Love Fellow Believers
- C. Other Commands To Love
 - 1. Our neighbor
 - 2. Our enemy *Matthew 5:43-44*

III. IDENTIFYING BRETHREN

- A. God Alone Knows With Certainty *I Timothy 2:19*
- B. A Profession Of Faith In Christ
- C. A Member Of A Body Of Believers

IV. THE DISRUPTION OF OUR LOVE *Matthew 22:37-39*

- A. Created In Perfect Harmony With God And Man
- B. Sin Broke The Harmony
 - 1. with God
 - 2. with fellow man *Genesis 3:12*

V. RECREATION RECREATES HARMONY

- A. First With God *Ephesians 2:10; II Corinthians 5:17*
- B. Faith And Love Go Hand In Hand *Ephesians 1:15-16; Colossians 1:3-4*

VI. THE GREATEST NEED IN THE CHURCH

- A. Christian Love *Colossians 3:5, 8, 12-14; I Peter 4:8; I Corinthians 13:13*
- B. This Ought Be What Identifies Us *John 13:35*
- C. We Are Taught By God To Love *Matthew 16:16-17*
- D. It Is A Love Which Must Continue To Grow