

Reflection

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

Why is love so important? Love fulfils the commands of Jesus and marks the identity of the believer. Some of the symptoms include apathy, indifference, hypocrisy, impurity, conceit, selfishness, insensitivity, hyper-criticism, discontentment, disappointment, complaints, isolation and fear. Our society is quick to blame syndromes and disorders for our problems rather than sin. Sin is rebellion against God. Sin is not a lack of love – but rather misplaced love. Our love toward one another should be sincere (without hypocrisy (verse 9); pure, brotherly (v. 10), humble (v. 10), unselfish (v. 13); sympathetic (v.15), agreeable (v.16), and without conceit (v.16). Paul’s closing word in this passage is short and concise. Christians must not let the evil that comes their way master them and overpower them. We are to master evil and overpower it with good. We can do this when we accept by faith that our God is a righteous and just judge who will make right every wrong and set straight every evil. The negative ‘don’t’ is followed by the positive ‘do’. Evil faces its toughest challenge when good people do well.

Today we are challenged by the scripture not to fall victims of evil. We are commanded by our Lord to love. This love should be seen in our actions. This is the biggest challenge. How to love someone who behaves horribly? God intends us to be channels of God’s love and goodness as stated in v.20.

Prayer

Dear God, help us to follow your command of doing well in the face of evil so that we may be able to spread your love and goodness in this world. Amen