

# The Faces of Love

Sunday October 4, 2009

Rom 12:9-21

## Intro

The Apostles' Greatest Hits – The Faces of Love  
 Story – The Coal Miner and the Musician

## Four Observations

- Full of Famous “One Liners”
- Similar to Sermon on the Mount
- If taken as “Rules” are Overwhelming!
- Picture of “A Different Way to Live”

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### Love as Summary

Helpful! But also helpful to give more detail

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See Table

### Themes

- Real, Practical Love – Daily Life
- Relationship with God and People Intermixed
- Realistic – Troubled World; Ideal not always possible
- Four Times – Dealing with Enemies
- Trust God – Must trust God to let go of control

## So What?

- Imagine a world – Part of Renewing our Mind
- Look at Jesus – Crazy Generous Love
- Look at best of His Followers – A Possible Dream
- Don't Legislate for Yourself
- Don't Legislate for Others!
- Church – Salt, Light, Seed, Alternate Society
- Doesn't **Need** to be Everywhere to work!
- Start where you are ...

The Faces of Love	
Negative	Positive
Don't pretend to love	Sincere love
Hate what is evil	Cling to what is good
	Be devoted to one another
	Honour one another
Never lack zeal	Keep your spiritual fervour
	Joyful in hope
	Patient in Affliction
	Faithful in Prayer
	Share with those in need
	Practice Hospitality
Don't curse persecutors	Bless your persecutors
	Rejoice with joyful Grieve with grieving
Don't be proud	Associate with people of low position
Don't think you're superior	
Don't repay evil for evil	
	Do what is right in eyes of everyone
	Live at peace with everyone, so far as it depends on you
Don't take revenge	Trust God Take care of enemies
Don't be overcome by evil	Overcome evil with good