



Romans 12:9

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 - He loved a woman
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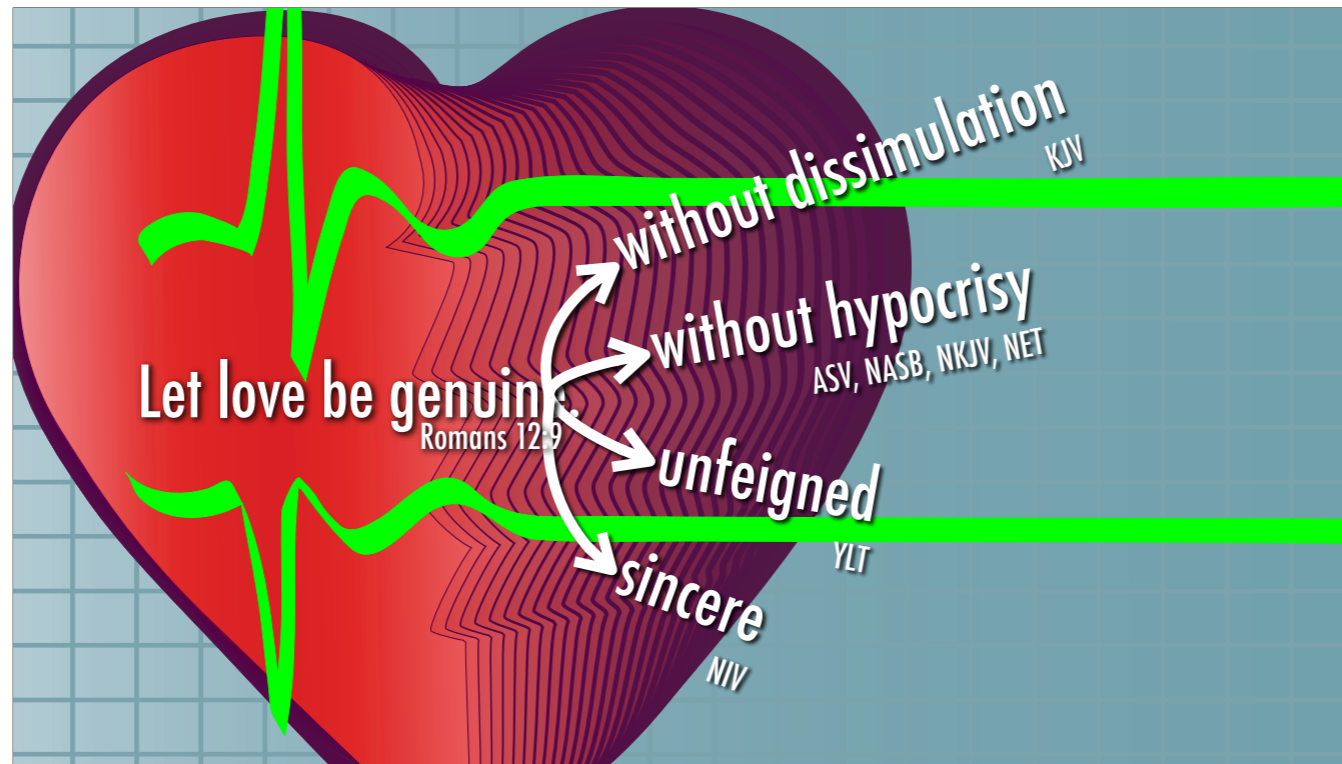
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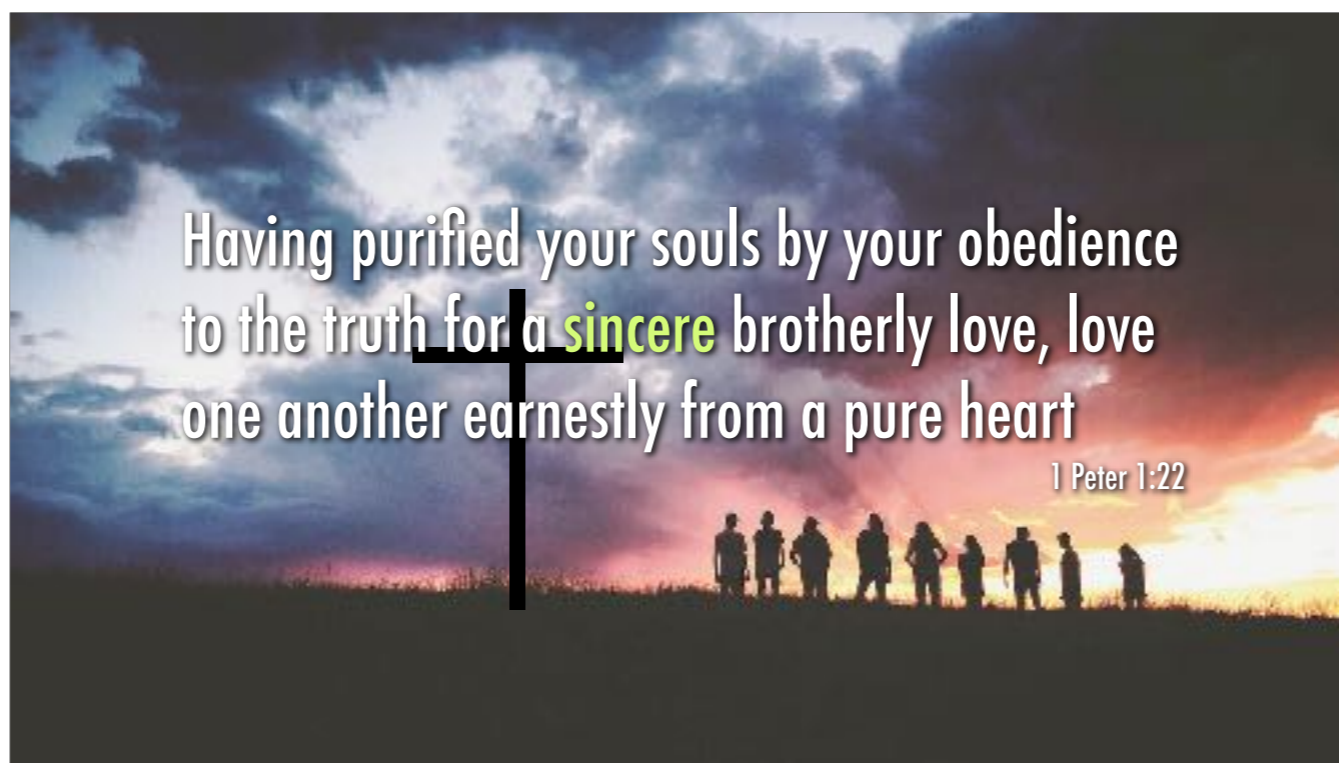
- Is this love?



- Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
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- Romans 12:9: Let love be genuine.
 - Other translations:
 - KJV: without dissimulation
 - ASV, NASB, NKJV, NET: without hypocrisy
 - YLT: unfeigned
 - NIV: Sincere
 - TDNT: unfeigned simplicity

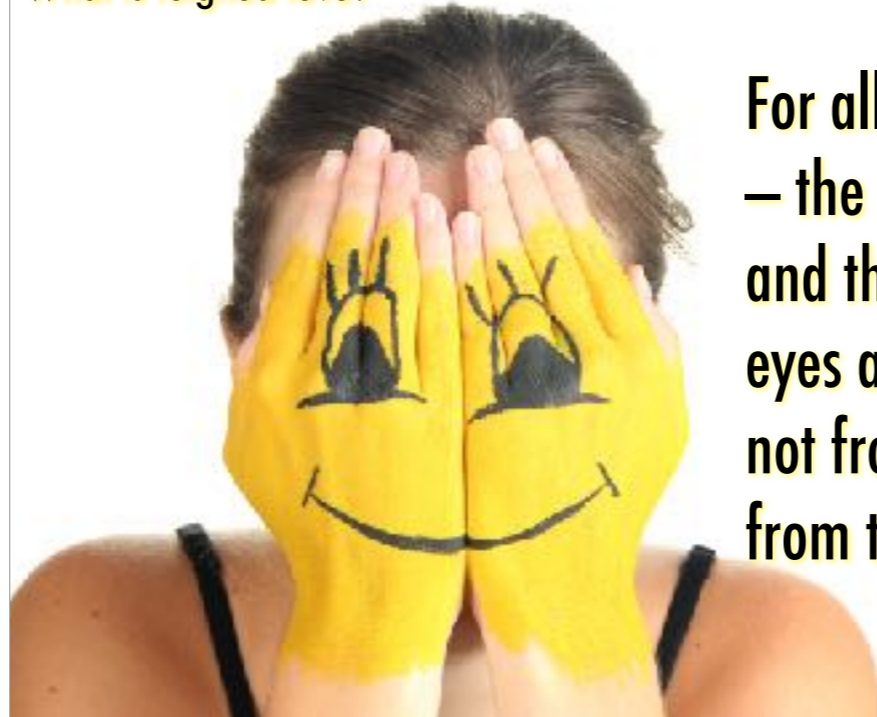


- 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV Strong's) 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
- The very basis of our love for each other is rooted in our salvation
 - Our salvation is an expression of God's love for us: John 3:16; Romans 5:8
 - We are fellow-heirs of salvation.
 - 1 John 4:19 (ESV) We love because he first loved us.
- Our love is from a pure heart (unmixed, unadulterated): real
- Our love is earnest: intense, fervent, resolute
- Love is not something we can afford to play at, or take lightly



- Is it possible that love can be faked?
 - How would you describe Delilah's love for Samson?
 - Is our love in this congregation feigned?
- Implication of this passage is that insincere love is the way of the world
 - There's something wrong with the way I love? Most likely, if you conform to the world!
 - To be transformed we we must change how we love.

What is feigned love?



**For all that is in the world
– the desires of the flesh
and the desires of the
eyes and pride of life – is
not from the Father but is
from the world.**

1 John 2:16

- 1 John 2:15-17 (ESV) 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

What is feigned love?



**Profuse are the
kisses of an enemy.**
Proverbs 27:6

- Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

What is feigned love?



**For if you love those
who love you, what
reward do you have?**

Matthew 5:46

- Matthew 5:46 (ESV) For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

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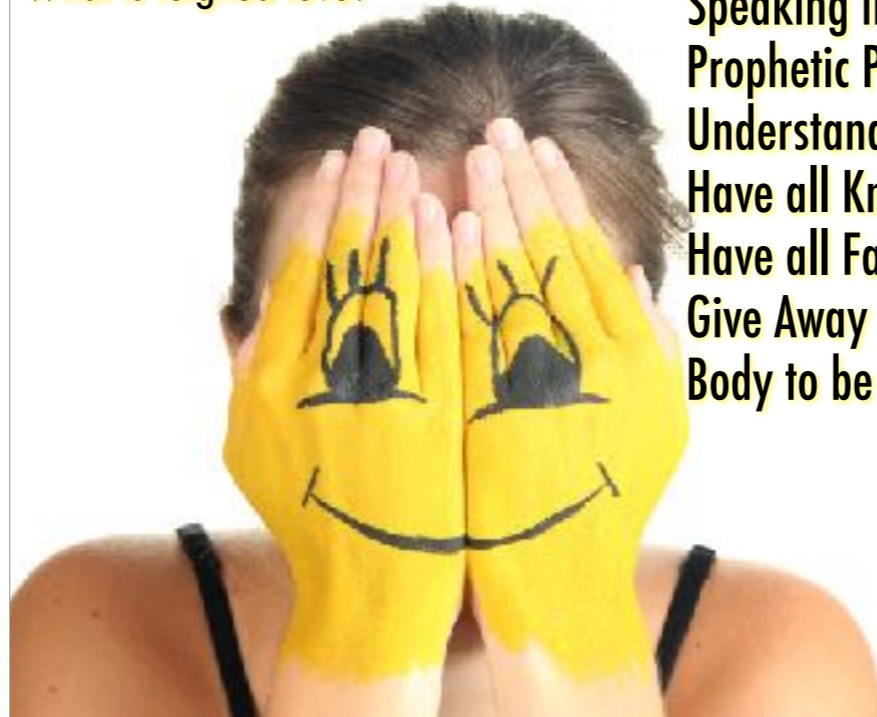


**Little children, let us not
love in word or talk but
in deed and in truth.**

1 John 3:18

- 1 John 3:16-18 (ESV) 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

What is feigned love?



Speaking in the Tongues
Prophetic Powers
Understand all Mysteries
Have all Knowledge
Have all Faith
Give Away all I Have
Body to be Burned

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- Paul's description of love helps us to see what feigned love is: 1 Corinthians 13
 - Tongues; Prophecy; Knowledge; Faith; Giving all; Sacrifice

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but have not love...

- noisy gong, clanging cymbal**
- I am nothing**
- I gain nothing**

- Without love...
 - noisy gong and clanging cymbal
 - I am nothing
 - I gain nothing

What is feigned love?



Impatient
Unkind
Envious
Boastful
Arrogant
Rude
Selfish
Irritable
Resentful
Rejoices at wrongdoing
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- Patient, Kind, Envious, Boasts, Arrogant, Rude, Selfish, Irritable, Resentful; Rejoices at Wrongdoing
- If love is patient, what does it mean when I am impatient?
 - Is my love hypocritical?
 - What will my speech be like? Complaining? Indignant?
 - What will my attitude be? Angry?
 - What will my purpose be? Selfish?
- Ask these questions about any of these...

What is feigned love?



- We need a check up on the health of our love.
 - Is the love that I show like Jesus' love?
 - Or does my love still conform to the world?



- Genuine Love

Genuine Love



You yourselves have been **taught**
by God to love one another

1 Thessalonians 4:9

• Taught by God:

- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (ESV) 9 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12 (ESV) 12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you

Genuine Love



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we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

- Romans 5:8 (ESV) 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- God knows who we are, and loves us anyway, even saving us.
 - Fool ourselves but we don't fool God.
 - Weak, ungodly, sinners and enemies
 - Seeks Reconciliation!
 - He makes the first move!

Genuine Love



For God so loved the world, that **He gave His only Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

- Seen in Jesus:
 - John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
- Sacrificial love that benefits the recipient: God gives.
 - Matthew 5:45: For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
 - Acts 14:17 (ESV) 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”

Genuine Love



For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will **be able to separate us from the love of God** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

- Romans 8:37-39 (ESV) 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Jesus' love is steadfast, reliable, strong.
 - There's a lot of struggles in this life and in this world.
 - You can depend on God's love: he will save your soul.

Genuine Love



The aim of our charge is **love that issues from a pure heart** and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5

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Genuine Love

Abhor what is evil;
hold fast to what is good.
Love one another with brotherly affection.
Outdo one another in showing honor.
Do not be slothful in zeal,
be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints and
seek to show hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13



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- Practical considerations
- Romans 14:3: don't despise and don't judge
- Romans 14:7: none of us lives to himself
- Romans 14:10: Why pass judgment? Why despise?
- Romans 14:12: Each one give account of himself to God.



- Romans 14:13: Not pass judgment, rather never put stumbling block or hindrance
- Romans 14:15: If brother grieved, no longer walking in love.
- Romans 14:19: Pursue peace and mutual upbuilding
- Romans 14:20: Don't for sake of food destroy the work of God
- Romans 14:21: Good not to do anything that causes brother to stumble



- Use of masks and social distancing during our assemblies
 - Assemblies are very important to our congregation.
- What am I doing to keep others safe that are here?
 - It's not about what I think, but what they think
- What am I doing to make others feel safe enough to join us?
 - It's not about government orders,
- Am I willing to give up my "rights" so that I am not a stumbling block for others to assemble.



- Is your love genuine?
 - How are you showing genuine love?

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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True Love!

Romans 12:9

Synopsis: Jesus instructs us to transform our love. Feigned love is normal in the world, but we must beware of the danger of holding on to that way of loving. Our love must be genuine, like the love of Jesus. Thanks to Darrel Yontz. Still.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”