

Based on the preaching from Sunday **13 Sept, 2026**, 'Love in Action'

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Sermon Text: **Romans 12:9-21**

Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- Because of God's mercy and our being living sacrifices (12:1), we are called to express our being in Christ by loving others, both brothers and sisters in Christ - those inside the church - and our enemies and those who do evil - those outside the church.
- In v. 9 Paul tells us love must be sincere, or our love for others may distort our understanding of evil and good. False or hypocritical love is widespread in the world today. Sincere love is a hallmark of genuine Christian faith. Thus we are to hate evil and cling to the good.
- Paul then instructs us, in vv. 10-16, to love our brothers and sisters in ways which include devotion, honour, patience, faithfulness, sharing of resources, emotional support and connection, and living humbly in harmony with one another.
- Paul also instructs us to love those outside the church by living at peace with others, not seeking revenge and overcoming evil with good. Responding to evil with good may produce conviction and repentance, and it leaves room for God's justice. Leaving justice in God's hands is a supreme testimony to our trust in God and faith in Christ.



Bible Study: The Swedish Method [**Romans 12:9-21**]

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for and taking note of the following four things:



Lightbulb: This should be something that 'shines' from the passage- whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for the reader's life.

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