

# ROMANS



# Love – gift? fruit?

- *koinoneo*, join with needs of saints...
  - 'pursue' hospitality – a great need!
  - Change of focus....
  - Persecutors – pursuers! Bless?? Mt 5:44
- Do not curse! Imprecatory... doom!
- Love is shown not in those who love back!
  - Warning of the negative attitude



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- Another group requiring self-less love...
- Rejoice with the glad – *chairō* and  
– Weep with mourners – shed tears
- Same ‘understanding’
- Not haughty – ‘high-opinioned’
- Be carried away with the ‘humble’
- Don’t be ‘wise’ in your own ‘circles’



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- No payback in kind! Evil for evil...
  - Not to anyone! ever... Pr 20:22; 1 Th 5:15
- Respect, care for, meditate on
  - the right, beautiful, best, honest actions
- On your part/power, make for peace!
  - Peace makers or breakers???



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- Never take your revenge – justice!  
vindication and avenging!
  - Note dearly beloved – he knows!!!
  - Leave room, or else you will fill it up!
  - Wrath of God
  - It belongs to Him and Him alone...



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- Positive actions to replace vengeance:
  - Feed, care for thirst – basic needs
  - heaped coals of fire on the head???
  - Sounds like judgement to me! Egyptians...
- Don't be overcome by evil, rather {24}  
overcome the evil with good!!!

**No Matter what your problem is  
Don't Nurse it, Don't Curse it,  
Don't Rehearse it.  
Just give it to God  
and He will Reverse it.**