



# THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*Salvation by Grace Through Faith*

# MELT THE SAINTS

**Oliver Cromwell** (1599 –1658) was an English military and political leader who ruled the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland from 1653 to 1658. During his reign there was a shortage of currency in the British Empire. On his order, representatives searched the nation to find silver to meet the demand. After a month, the team reported that the only silver they found were the statues of saints in the cathedrals. When he heard this, Oliver Cromwell ordered: ***“Melt down the saints and put them into circulation.”***



"We'll melt down the saints  
and put them into circulation."  
-- Oliver Cromwell

# SAINTS IN CIRCULATION

Today we come to **Romans 12:9-21**, where we are given 25 instructions on what living like Christ looks like. It is as if Paul was saying: “Melt the saints and put them in circulation.

This whole section is sandwiched between two instructions that summarize the whole:

**“Let love be genuine...  
Do not be overcome with evil,  
but overcome evil with good.”**

(Rm.12:9a and 21)





**Romans 12:9a (ESV)**  
**Let love be genuine.**

Love, sincere love, is  
the essence of the  
Christian faith!

## RADICAL LOVE



“Above all, love each other deeply,  
because love covers over a  
multitude of sins.

— 1 Peter 4:8 —

*And the greatest of these is*  
**Love**  
*— 1 Corinthians 13:13*

# LOVE IN ACTION

Here is what love looks like in action...

**Romans 12:9b**

**⁹...Abhor (hate) what is evil!**



To fear the LORD is to  
hate evil;  
I hate pride and  
arrogance, evil behavior  
and perverse speech.

Proverbs 8.13

# LOVE IN ACTION

CLING TO WHAT  
IS GOOD



ROMANS 12:9

**Romans 12:9c**

**⁹...Hold fast to what is good!**

*Cling, hang on to, grab and don't let go, hold with a tight grip... all this is good and upright!*

# LOVE IN ACTION

**Romans 12:10**

**<sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection.**

*Cultivate warm feelings toward each other!*



# LOVE IN ACTION

## Romans 12:10b

<sup>10</sup> ...Outdo one another  
in showing honor.





# DON'T GET CARELESS

Romans 12:11a

<sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal.



**STAY ENGAGED!**



**Romans 12:11b (CEV)**  
**<sup>11</sup> ...be fervent in spirit.**

# HANDS ON!

Romans 12:11c

<sup>11</sup> ...Serve the Lord.

Finds a place to serve and serve.



# DON'T FORGET YOUR JOY!

**Romans 12:12a**

**<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope.**

Anticipate! Get excited about the things you are waiting for!



**IT WILL GET BETTER!**

**Romans 12:12b**

**<sup>12</sup> ...be patient in tribulation.**

*In tough times, stay positive.*



# PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!



## Romans 12:12c

<sup>12</sup> ...**be constant in prayer.**

*Prayer is the natural response of calling on talking to our Father.*

**I CAN HELP WITH THAT!**

**Romans 12:13a**

**13 Contribute to the need of  
the saints.**

*Meet needs!*



**WE WELCOME YOU!**



**Romans 12:13b**

**<sup>13</sup> ...Seek to show hospitality.**

*We are glad you are here!*



**I STILL BLESS YOU!**

**Romans 12:14a**

**<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you.**

*That will set you apart!*

**Be the Blessing**



# I BLESS YOU, ANYWAY!



**Romans 12:14b**

**<sup>14</sup> ...Bless and do not curse them.**

*No. No cursing!*

**LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!**

**Romans 12:15**

**<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice.**

*Find someone who is happy and join them!*



# LET'S SHARE THE PAIN!

**Romans 12:15b**  
**15 ...Weep with those  
who weep.**

*If someone is hurting, cry  
with them!*



**PLAY NICE!**

**Romans 12:16a**

**<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with  
one another.**

*Get along!*



# KEEP YOUR HUMILITY!

**Romans 12:16b**

**<sup>16</sup> ...Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.**

*Don't think you are better than everybody else!*

**HUMBLE  
YOURSELF  
OR LIFE  
WILL DO IT  
FOR YOU**



**BE HUMBLE. EVEN IF YOU'RE RIGHT.**

# DON'T TOOT YOUR OWN HORN!

**Romans 12:16c**

**<sup>16</sup> ...Never be wise in your own sight.**

*Resist the tendency to over-value yourself and under-value others.*



# I ONLY GIVE CHANGE IN LOVE!

**Romans 12:17a**

**<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil.**

*Kindness is the only currency I carry!*





# WHAT'S THE HONORABLE THING TO DO?

KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
EARN  
RESPECT

Romans 12:17b

<sup>17</sup> ...But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

*I'll do the right thing, thank you!*

# LET'S BE AT PEACE

**Romans 12:18**

**<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

*For my part, I choose to keep the peace.*



# GOD'S GOT THIS

Romans 12:19

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

*I'll let God handle this.*

**DON'T GET EVEN.  
GET EVEN BETTER.**

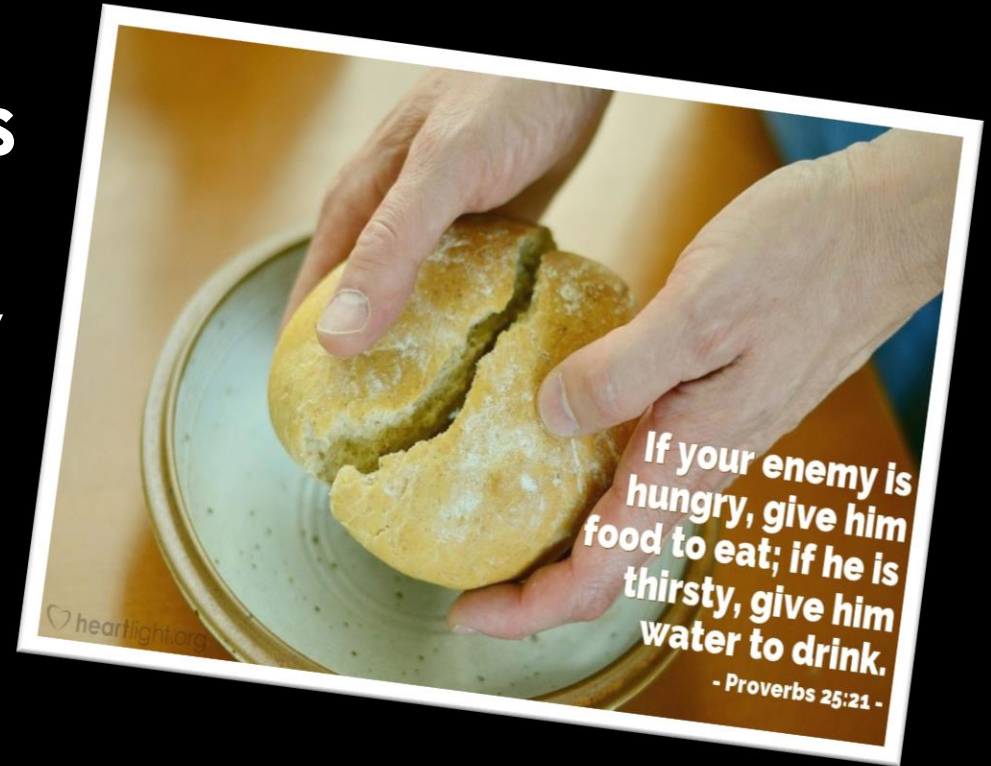
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**HERE YOU GO**

## Romans 12:20

<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

*Let your kindness prove your enemy wrong.*



# GOOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT

## Romans 12:21

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Good is always do the right thing to do.*



## ROMANS 12:9-21 (THE MESSAGE)

9-10 Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

11-13 Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

## ROMANS 12:9-21 (THE MESSAGE)

**14-16** Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

**17-19** Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

## ROMANS 12:9-21 (THE MESSAGE)

**20-21** Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness.

Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.



# CHRISTLIKENESS

Dear Jesus,

Make us more  
like you!

