

Romans

Marks of the True Christian ([Romans 12:9-21](#))

Read: Marks of the True Christian (12:9-21)

Explain: Marks of the True Christian (12:9-21)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

9 Let love [agape] **be genuine** [undissembled, sincere, without dissimulation (hypocrisy), unfeigned]. **Abhor** [present active participle; detest utterly, abhor] **what is evil** [hurtful, evil, calamitous, ill, diseased, culpable, derelict, vicious, facinorous, mischief, malice, guilt, devil, sinners, bad, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked]; **hold fast** [present middle participle; _____, stick, cleave, join (self), keep company] **to what is good** [good, beneficial]. **10 Love** [*philostorgos*; cherishing one's kindred (especially parents or children), font of natural relatives, fraternal towards fellow Christians, kindly affectioned] **one another with brotherly affection** [*philadelphia*; fraternal affection, brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren]. **Outdo** [present middle participle; lead the way for others, show deference, prefer] **one another in showing honor** [value, money paid, valuables, esteem dignity, honor, preciousness, price]. **11 Do not be slothful** [tardy, indolent, irksome, grievous, slothful] **in zeal** [*spoude*; speed, dispatch, eagerness, earnestness, business, earnest carefulness, diligence forwardness, haste], **be fervent** [present active participle; hot, boil (of liquids), _____ (of solids), fervid, earnest, fervent] **in spirit** [*pneuma*], **serve** [*douleuo*; present active participle; future active indicative; be a slave, be in bondage, do service] **the Lord**. **12 Rejoice** [present active participle; be full of cheer, calmly happy or well off, be well, farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hail, joyfully, rejoice] **in hope** [expectation, confidence, faith, hope], **be patient** [present active participle; stay under (behind), remain, undergo, bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere, abide, endure, (take) patiently, suffer, tarry behind] **in tribulation** [pressure, affliction, anguish, burden, persecution, tribulation, trouble], **be constant** [present active participle; earnest towards, persevere, be constantly diligent, attend assiduously all the exercises, adhere closely to, attend continually, continue, wait on continually] **in prayer** [prayer, worship, oratory, pray earnestly]. **13 Contribute** [*koinoneo*; present active participle; _____ with others, communicate, distribute, be partaker] **to the needs** [employment, an affair,

occasion, demand, requirement, destitution, business, lack, necessity, need, use, want] **of the saints** [sacred, pure, consecrated, holy, saint] **and seek** [present active participle; pursue, _____, ensue after, given to, press toward] **to show hospitality** [hospitableness, entertain strangers, hospitality].

14 Bless [present active imperative; speak well of, bless (thank or invoke a benediction upon, prosper), praise] **those who persecute** [present active participle; pursue, persecute, ensue after, given to, press toward; same word used in **Romans 9:30; 31; 12:13**] **you; bless** [present active imperative] **and do not curse** [present middle imperative; execrate [Webster: feel or express great loathing for, curse, swear]], doom, curse] **them.** **15 Rejoice** [present active infinitive] **with those who rejoice** [present active participle], **weep** [present active infinitive; wail aloud, bewail, weep] **with those who weep** [present active participle]. **16 Live in harmony** [*phroneo*; present active participle; set the affection on, mind, regard, savor, think] **with one another. Do not be haughty** [*phroneo*; present active participle], **but associate** [present middle participle; take off together, _____ with (seduce, passively yield), carry (lead) away with, condescend] **with the lowly** [depressed, humiliated, base, cast down, humble, of low degree (estate), lowly]. **Never be** [present middle imperative] **wise** [thoughtful, sagacious, discreet, conceited, wise] **in your own sight.** **17 Repay** [present active participle; give away, deliver, give, repay, perform, recompense, render, requite, restore, reward, sell, yield] **no one evil** [worthless, depraved, bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked] **for evil, but give thought to do** [present middle participle; consider in _____, look out for beforehand, provide for] **what is honorable** [beautiful, good, valuable, virtuous, better, fair, good, honest, meet, well, worthy] **in the sight** [in his face, before, in his presence] **of all.** **18 If possible** [able, could, mighty, possible, power, strong], **so far as it depends on you, live peaceably** [present active participle; to be peaceful, be at peace, live peaceably] **with all.** **19 Beloved** [*agapetos*; beloved, dear], **never avenge** [present active participle; vindicate, _____, punish, revenge] **yourselves, but leave** [second aorist active imperative] **it** [*topos*; spot, space, location] **to the wrath** [desire, violent passion, abhorrence, punishment, anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath] **of God, for it is written** [*grapho*; perfect middle indicative], **"Vengeance** [vindication, retribution, vengeance, punishment] **is mine, I will repay** [future active indicative; to requite, recompense, render, repay], **says** [present active indicative] **the Lord."** **20 To the contrary, "if your enemy** [enemies, foes, hateful, odious, hostile, adversaries] **is hungry** [present active subjunctive; famish, crave, be hungered], **feed** [present active imperative; supply with bits, nourish, feed] **him; if he is thirsty** [present active subjunctive], **give him something to drink** [present active imperative]; **for by so doing** [present active participle] **you will heap** [future active indicative; pile up, heap, load] **burning coals** [*anthrax*; a burning or live coal] **on his head."** **21 Do not be overcome** [present passive (Robertson) imperative; subdue,

conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory] **by evil, but overcome** [present active imperative] **evil with good** [good, beneficial].

Are there any repeated words?

What are some observations of the text?

9 Valovcin: There is something indescribable that happens when believer after believer reach out to meet needs.

16 Mounce: Like spokes in a wheel that converge at the hub, the closer we are to God the closer we come to one another.

17 Savonarola: A Christian's life consists in doing good and suffering evil.

Apply (What is the point?)

1. Christian behavior is _____
2. Christian behavior is _____
3. Christian behavior looks like _____ life

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Ask for _____
2. Review _____
3. Live like _____

Next week: Submission to the Authorities (13:1-7)

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: [Romans](#) (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS
- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read ([Romans](#))
- Talk (about [Romans](#)—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to jim314@yahoo.com by Wed)