

CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR IN REGARD TO OTHERS
(Hebrews 13:1-3)

I. Demonstrating SUSTAINED LOVE (Heb. 13:1-2)

A. Love for “the BRETHREN”: Greek *philadelphia* (13:1)

1. WHO are “the BRETHREN”?
 - a. Possibly fellow JEWS (Rom. 9:3-4)
 - b. Probably fellow CHRISTIANS (Rom. 1:13; etc.)
2. WHAT is the SOURCE of this love? (1 Pet. 1:22-23)
 - a. Divinely PRODUCED as a CONSEQUENCE of grace (Rom. 5:5; 1 Thess. 4:9)
 - b. Personally PRACTICED as a RESPONSE to grace (1 Thess. 4:10; Heb. 6:10)
3. WHY is loving them IMPORTANT?
 - a. It REVEALS to the WORLD that we are Christ’s (Jn 13:35)
 - b. It REINFORCES to OURSELVES that we are Christ’s (1 John 3:14, 18-19)
 - c. It PLEASES and GLORIFIES God (Ps 133:1; cf. James 2:15-16)
4. What produces LOVELESSNESS in Christians?
 - a. SIN, in general (Matt. 24:12)
 - b. SELF-LOVE, in particular (Rom. 12:10; Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Jn 3:17)

- B. Love for STRANGERS: Greek *philoxenia* (13:2)
 - 1. WHO are the “STRANGERS”?
 - a. Would include UNBELIEVERS (Gal. 6:10a; 1 Thess. 5:15)
 - b. Would prioritize BELIEVERS you don’t KNOW (Rom. 12:13; Gal. 6:10b; 1 Pet. 4:9)
 - 2. HOW is this love DEMONSTRATED?
 - a. By HOSTING without PARTIALITY
 - b. By giving them PROVISION (Gen. 18:1-3)
 - c. By giving them PROTECTION (Gen. 19:1-2)

II. Demonstrating GENUINE SYMPATHY (Heb. 13:3; also Heb. 10:32-34)

- A. Includes concern for BRETHREN in PRISON
 - 1. CONTINUALLY keeping them in MIND
 - 2. Providing ANY ASSISTANCE you CAN
- B. Includes concern for BRETHREN who SUFFER from ILL-TREATMENT
 - 1. By PROVIDING for them GENEROUSLY
 - 2. By IDENTIFYING with them FEARLESSLY
- C. Involves INTENTIONAL support
 - 1. Through your PRESENCE for ENCOURAGEMENT
 - 2. Through DIRECT AID as you are ABLE
 - 3. Through INTERCESSION in PRAYER