

## God's Righteousness at Work IV

"The True Community in Faith"

Romans 12:9-21

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on February 5, 2017

### *Entering In:*

Among the many terms familiar to Christians  
(e.g. Lord's Supper, resurrection, sanctification, God's family, spiritual warfare, etc.),  
which is the most meaningful for you? Why?

1. How would you define the following words found in verse 9?

- sincere
- evil
- good

What is the greatest example of *insincere* love in the whole Bible? [cf. Luke 22:48]

What would make love be insincere?

What does "love without hypocrisy" look like?

2. The world says, "Don't be a hater." How does that compare with verse 9?

Why is it necessary for a person who loves God to hate evil?

How can we "cling to that which is good"?

3. What is *brotherly love*, and how would you distinguish it from other kinds of love?

Explain in your own words how we (Christians) become a family of God.

What makes it difficult for you to accept other church members as your own family?

What is something we can do or practice to become a *true family* in Christ in the church?

4. Which of the following best defines what it means to *honor one another*?

- A. Take the lead in bestowing praise on others
- B. Count others as better than yourself
- C. Put others' interests before your own
- D. Assert yourself above others
- E. Other

How might one who thinks *more highly of himself than he ought* to respond to a fellow member of the congregation who:

- opposes him frequently
- has an obnoxious habit
- has little to offer in return for your favor
- is inept at most things he tries to do

How should one who has *been transformed by the renewing of his mind* respond to a fellow member of the congregation who:

- opposes him frequently
- has an obnoxious habit
- has little to offer in return for your favor
- is inept at most things he tries to do

5. The word “fervor” or “passion” comes from a Greek root of boiling (ζέω, *zeō* be enthusiastic, to boil). What is “serving the Lord” *without* fervor/zeal like?

Why do we, especially church leaders, need to be fervent (zealous) in church ministry?

What must be the ground of our fervor (zeal)?

How can a person keep his/her spiritual fervor (zeal)?

6. Describe a real situation where you could share God’s grace with a fellow believer by

- being joyful in hope:
- being patient in affliction:
- being faithful in prayer:
- sharing with God’s people who are in need:
- practicing hospitality:

7. Which of the instructions that Paul gives in verses 14-21 is most difficult for you to follow (and why)?

Which is easiest for you to follow (and why)?

8. With whom can you do a better job of living at peace?

Is living at peace with *everyone* possible? Why or why not?

What does Paul mean when he writes, “Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody”?

9. How did God overcome evil with good?

What evil can you overcome with good in your life right now?

***Living It Out:***

*Pray for the Holy Spirit’s help to do better in one of your current relationships.*

