

LETTERS OF SAINT PAUL

LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Norms about Christian life

12⁹Let love be sincere. Hate what is evil and hold to whatever is good. ¹⁰Love one another and be considerate. Outdo one another in mutual respect. ¹¹Be zealous in fulfilling your duties. Be fervent in the Spirit and serve God.

¹²Have hope and be cheerful. Be patient in trials and pray constantly. ¹³Share with other Christians in need. With those passing by, be ready to receive them.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not wish evil on anyone. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who are joyful, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in peace with one another. Do not dream of extraordinary things; be humble and do not hold yourselves as wise.

¹⁷Do not return evil for evil, but let everyone see your good will. ¹⁸Do your best to live in peace with everybody. ¹⁹Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but let God be the one who punishes, as Scripture says: *Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.* ²⁰And it adds: *If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him to drink; by doing this you will heap burning coals upon his head.* ²¹Do not let evil defeat you, but conquer evil with goodness.

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