

**BELIEVE**  
*"Be Like Jesus"*  
**Love**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. **Dr. Dell Tacket** - *"Do you believe that what you believe is really real? Because if you really believe that what you believe is real, then Christians will change the world."*

2. This series is a 30 week study broken down into 3 sections.

a) **Weeks 1-10**      **"Think Like Jesus"**      (*What Do I Believe?*)      Doctrinal Study

- 1) God
- 2) Personal God
- 3) Salvation
- 4) The Bible
- 5) Our Identity in Christ
- 6) Church
- 7) Humanity
- 8) Compassion
- 9) Stewardship
- 10) Eternity

b) **The Second 10 weeks**      **"Act Like Jesus"**      (*What shall I do?*)

- 1) Worship
- 2) Prayer
- 3) Bible Study
- 4) Singlemindedness
- 5) Total Surrender
- 6) Biblical Community
- 7) Spiritual Gifts
- 8) Offering My Time
- 9) Giving My Resources
- 10) Sharing My Faith

c) **This Last 10 weeks**      **"Be Like Jesus"**      (*Who Am I Becoming*)

**3. Galatians 5:22-23**

4. The sins that Paul lists here are the natural characteristics of unredeemed mankind and not every person manifests them to the same degree.

**5. Vs 16-21**

a) **Group #1**      **Social Sins**



1) The word "genuine" literally means "without hypocrisy."

## II. LOVE MUST BE DISCERNING

### 1. Vs 9b

a) "*Abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good*"

2. Here's another way to put it. *Don't ever get over being shocked by evil.* That's hard to do in a world where almost anything goes.

3. Our love needs discernment or else we will end up loving things we ought not to love—and entering into relationships that are not good for us.

a) Not every **relationship** is a good relationship.

b) Not every **choice** is a good choice.

c) Not every **friendship** is good for us.

d) Not every **job** is a wise career move.

e) Not every **purchase** is a wise use of our money.

## III. LOVE MUST DISPLAY TENDER AFFECTION

### 1. Vs 10a

a) "*Love one another with brotherly affection.*"

1) "Love" - agape

2) "brotherly affection" -

2. "brotherly affection" - It comes from two Greek words:

a) *philos*, - which means tender affection, fondness, devotion,"

b) and *adelphos*, usually translated "brother," but it literally means "one born of the same womb."

c) So the word *Philadelphia* literally means "*tender affection owed to those born from the same womb.*"

## IV. LOVE MUST HONOR OTHERS

### 1. Vs 10b

2. In the Christian context, it means that we take affirmative action to make sure that others receive preferential treatment before we do.

## V. LOVE MUST BE ENTHUSIASTIC

### 1. Vs 11

2. **John Stott notes** that religious "enthusiasm" is often derided as nothing but excessive emotionalism and a sign of fanaticism. Yet the man we call a fanatic becomes a fan when he goes to a football game and cheers himself hoarse. But Paul's words have nothing to do with how loud we sing or how much we clap or whether or not we raise our hands when we worship. Those things are purely secondary. Paul is challenging us to put as much effort into our Christianity as we do into our work.

## VI. LOVE MUST BE PATIENT

1. Vs 12

## VII. LOVE MUST BE GENEROUS

1. Vs 13a

a) *"Contribute to the needs of the saints"*

## VIII. LOVE MUST PURSUE HOSPITALITY

1. Vs 13b

a) *"and seek to show hospitality"*

2. Hospitality means *"showing kindness to strangers."*

## IX. LOVE MUST BE KIND

1. Vs 14

2. We will be persecuted.

3. We will be hated, mistreated, misunderstood, lied about, gossiped about, and there will be those who go beyond this to hurt us deeply, leaving scars that last for a lifetime.

## X. LOVE MUST BE SYMPATHETIC

1. Vs 15

## XI. LOVE MUST LIVE IN HARMONY

1. Vs 16a

a) *"Live in harmony with one another"*

## XII. LOVE MUST SHOW HUMILITY

1. Vs 16b

a) *"do not be haughty but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight"*

2. The word translated *"conceited"* means *"wise in your own thinking."*