

Evening Lesson

LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE

Heb. 13:1

INTRO:

1. These four words are still appropriate today.
2. *Philadelphia*, which means brotherly love, not agape as in **1 Cor. 13**.

I. AGAPE AND PHILOS – TWO WORDS MEANING LOVE.

- A. There is a definite distinction between the two.
- B. *Agape* expresses unselfish benevolence; there it is commanded by God. **Matt. 22:37-39; Matt. 5:44**
- C. *Philos* is founded on sense and emotion.

II. FIVE SIGNS OF A LACK OR PROPER LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN.

- A. When we are prone to neglect the assembly.
Heb. 10:25
- B. When we say ugly things about brethren.
 1. Two rules: Never believe anything bad about anyone unless you positively know for a fact that it is true. Never tell even that unless it is absolutely necessary and that God is listening while you tell it.
 2. Running from one to another with tales of ill treatment is wrong. **Prov. 6:16, 18; 2 Thess. 3:11**
- C. When we lightly consider the feeling and convictions of other brethren. **Gal. 6:1; Matt. 5:43,44**
- D. When we promote a spirit of division in one or more congregations. **Psalm 133:1; Eph. 4:3; Prov. 6:19**
- E. When we forget to practice genuine hospitality among ourselves and with strangers. **Heb. 13:1, 2**

CONC:

1. Love tends to be contagious so if I show it in my life, it may begin to spread to others.
2. Developing love won't help in eternity unless I am a Christian and only comes through obeying the gospel. **2 Thess. 1:7-10**