Devoted To One Another

Ken Chapman · Romans 12:10

INTRODUCTION

- We are called upon to grow together and be together.
- The most common description of God's people when viewed together is the idea of family. That we are a family.
- Paul in Romans 12 says that we are to be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

1 The Concept of Family

James 1:17

- The best of your family experience is what God is trying to portray when he likens us to a family. And so you have a model.
- What if your family is just a mess? Then you have the blessing and the benefit of having a replacement for that.
- A spiritual family that will do for you what your physical family could not or would not.
- You have a heavenly father who's perfect in every way.
- Though we may have differences, we may have different colors of skin and different backgrounds and different economics and different everything. We have what binds us together.
- And so in that family, you've been commanded to devote yourselves to one another.

2 We Are Family, Blood Brothers

Ephesians 1:5–7; Matthew 19:29; Hebrews 13:1

- The word brothers or brethren is used over 230 times in the New Testament. That's an unmistakable emphasis upon the fact that we are family.
- What we have experienced has changed our lives forever, and because we've experienced it together mutually, it ties us together.
- In him we have redemption through his blood. The forgiveness of our sins, according to the richness of his grace.
- If we've been adopted into this mutual family, then this carries with it certain family obligations.
- Jesus said, You've given nothing up that you won't receive again.
- Hebrews 13, verse 1 says, Let brotherly love continue. These obligations over and over again are placed upon us because we are family.

3 Let's Act Like Family

James 1:27

- If we are brothers, blood brothers, bound together by the redemption that we have through his blood, then let's act like family.

- Act like the ideal family, what a family ought to be, whether it be physical or spiritual.
- Number one, make a written prayer list.
- True and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows.
- That word visit in the original doesn't mean just to stop by to chat. It means to stop by to see to the needs of.
- Do something now. Get involved. Challenge yourself to do something this week.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Then why not become a part of that family now? It's the best family you can ever be a part of.**

MY NOTES