

Serving God Acceptably By Sustained Love

Hebrews 13:1

Introduction:

When we look at Heb. 13 we see three major areas of ethics dealt with:

Part One: Our Service in Relation to Others—Heb. 13:1-3

Part Two: Our Service in Relation to Ourselves—Heb. 13:4-9

Part Three: Our Service in Relation to God—Heb. 13:10-21

Today under Part One, we look at Serving God Acceptably by Sustained Love—vs. 1

I. Loving the Brethren Is to Continue

A. The word used here

B. *Phileō* is used 3 times in this passage.

C. The admonition to let love of the brethren continue indicates that such love already exists.

D. We are to exercise this love of the brethren.

E. The basic principle of brotherly love is explained by the Apostle Paul.

II. Why Loving the Brethren Is So Important

A. It reveals to the world that we belong to Jesus Christ.

B. It gives added assurance to us of our spiritual life in Christ.

C. It delights God

D. The practical commitment of loving the brethren.

III. Hindrances to Loving the Brethren

A. Sin

B. The particular sin that cools love is self-centeredness.

Conclusion: