

A Sincere Love for The Saints
Romans 16:1-24

Intro: Paul's love for the saints
1 Cor. 15:58; Phil. 4:1

For God is my witness, how I long for you all with affection of Christ Jesus.
Phil. 1:8

Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel.
Col. 1:4-5

We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfast of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.
1 Thess. 1:2-3

For you were called to freedom brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
Gal. 5:13

For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.
Philemon 7

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.
1 Peter 1:22

Heb. 13:1; 1 Thess. 4:9
Col. 3:12-14; John 13:34

1) Commendation vs. 1-2

(The act of recommendation; praise)

2 Cor. 3:1-3; 10:18

- Servant of the church
- Helper of many
Titus 3:8, 14
- Receive them
Luke 15:2; Phil. 2:29

2) Cordiality vs. 3-16

(Regard with sincere affection and kindness)

- Fellow workers in Christ Jesus
John 15:13
- Worked hard for others
Heb. 6:10
- Fellow prisoners
2 Cor. 1:7
- Rufus
Mark 15:21
- Workers in the Lord
1 Thess. 5:12; Eph. 1:15

3) Caution vs. 17-20

Col. 2:4; 8

- Obedience to God's truth
1 Thess. 1:8-10; Psalm 119:128-131

4) Companions vs. 21-24

(Those on a journey together)

- My fellow worker
Phil. 2:19-20; 1 Cor. 16:10