



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

S.H.I.F.T.

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

November 14

Sing with me:

Lord I lift your name on High

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVqWEtfpTgo>

Memory Verse: Romans 12:20 -21 (NIV)

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
Scripture: Romans 12: 9 - 21 (NIV)

Read with me

Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take

revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Let us talk about it.

Today, we wrap up our study of Paul's message in Romans 12: 9 – 21. Throughout this passage Paul focused on our love to other people, even our love to our enemies. But who are our enemies? We understand enemies to be those persons who make it difficult to love, persons in our class who are loud and aggressive, persons who are annoying, persons who say unkind things to us, and we can go on and on describing persons who we may call the enemy.

But you know what? Paul was not the only person telling us to love our enemies. He was not the only person telling us not to seek revenge, not to pay back evil with evil. Of course, as humans, it is what we are likely to do. Paul does not stop at loving your enemies. He goes on to tell us how to show love to these persons. "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. Can you do that? The next verse tells us the effect of being good to persons. It really makes them feel guilty and sorry for what they did.

"In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Paul completes this love talk with the words, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Yes, Paul, an apostle of Jesus, was further promoting and emphasizing the teachings of Jesus Christ. Click on the following link to the video of the teaching of Jesus on the same topic.

<https://youtu.be/rHgDSC6ODOE>

So you see, Paul's teaching really was a reflection of the teaching of Jesus. If you want to follow Jesus then you will follow His teaching.

The Bible says "a soft answer turns away wrath." (Prov. 15:1) and by being nice to someone, you can bring them to shame. (Prov. 25:21,22) It is difficult for someone to continue being mean to you if you don't let it get you angry. It takes away their fun in it. God's advice is not only the better way to handle the situation from His end, but from ours also.

Are there people you will consider an enemy? Here are some things you can do for them:

1. Pray for them.
2. Forgive them and start over.
3. Never talk badly about them.
4. Help them: study, make friends, practice a sport or activity, just simply share with them.
5. List their good points in your mind.
6. Give them a call to find out how they are doing and offer to do homework with them.
7. Talk to them about Jesus.

Let us go forward with the knowledge of who Jesus wants us to be and show love to everyone, even those whom we consider to be our enemies.

Let us Pray

Almighty Father, because You have always graciously forgiven me, I come to You in prayer, asking You to teach me to forgive. Guide my heart to love even those persons who have hurt or tried to harm me. Help me to forgive those who have terribly hurt me in the past. May I readily accept their apology and be the one who practices Your agape love to everyone. I earnestly thank You, almighty Father, for Your great love and the blessings of family and friends. I pray that we remain a happy, peaceful, and united family, in deep love and understanding for one another. These things I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

ACTIVITY

Complete each question by circling the letter which best answers the question or completes the statements. There are 10 statements/questions in this quiz. Answers are given after the crossword quiz.

1. God distributed to each of us

- (A) abundant mercy (C) a measure of faith
(B) many provisions (D) lots of wealth

2. Complete this verse

..... what is evil, cling to what is good.

- (A) Avoid (C) Flee from
(B) Hate (D) Listen to

3. If possible, how should we live with all men?

- (A) Peaceably (C) Godly
(B) Righteously (D) tactfully

4. To whom does vengeance belong?

- (A) Paul (C) The Lord
(B) David (D) Isaiah

5. Do not be over by evil, but overcome evil with _____

- (A) hatred (C) crying
(B) good (D) stealing

6. Paul urges us to offer our bodies as

- (A) a living sacrifice (C) godly example
(B) a righteous slave (D) the angels in heaven

7. What does God expect of us before he answers our prayers?
 (A) Absolute perfection, (C) To forgive others and that's all.
 (B) To hate sin and follow goodness, (D) share the prayers with others.
8. Paul gave us three basics to live by. Which of the following is NOT one the three?
 (A) Be joyful in hope, (C) Do not curse
 (B) Be patient in affliction, (D) Be faithful in prayer.
9. Love must be sincere. Which of the following best describes sincere love?
 (A) a fake love. (C) a sometimes love.
 (B) an honest love (D) love without deceit.
10. By being good to persons who have not been nice to you, it makes them feel
 (A) proud of the way they treat you
 (B) that they can always treat you badly.
 (C) that you are scared of them.
 (D) guilty and sorry for what they did.

Solutions for the quizz.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	C	A	C	B	A	B	C	B	D

Solutions from last week:

44 triangles

40 squares

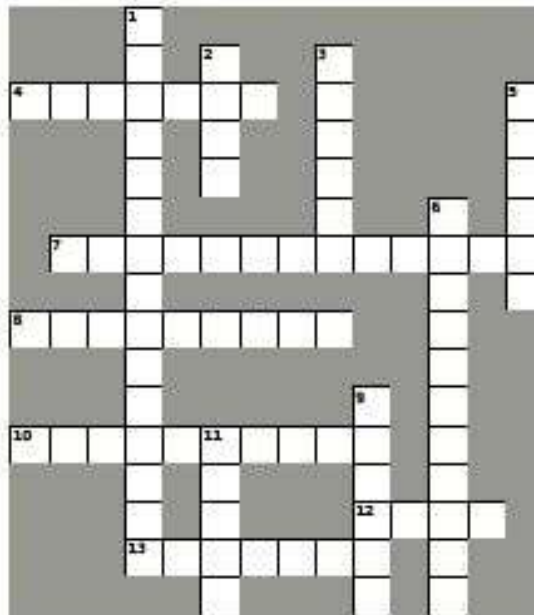
Car space is 87 (Turn the picture upside down. You will then see the following number sequence: 86, ?, 88, 89, 90, 91. So the answer is 87).

A (Opposite squares are exchanged in this problem, so the answer is A).

Now complete the following cross word puzzle. All the answers are in the passage given at the top of the puzzle.

Romans 12:9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.



Across

- 4 Be _____ to one another in brotherly love.
 7 Be devoted to one another in _____ (9,4) (2 Words)
 8 Keep your _____ fervor, serving the Lord.
 10 Be joyful in hope, patient in _____
 12 Hate what is _____.
 13 Love must be _____.

Down

- 1 Honor one another _____ (5,10) (2 Words)
 2 Never be lacking in _____
 3 Be _____ in hope.
 5 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in _____
 6 Practice _____
 9 Share with God's people who are _____ (2,4). (2 Words)
 11 _____ to what is good.