

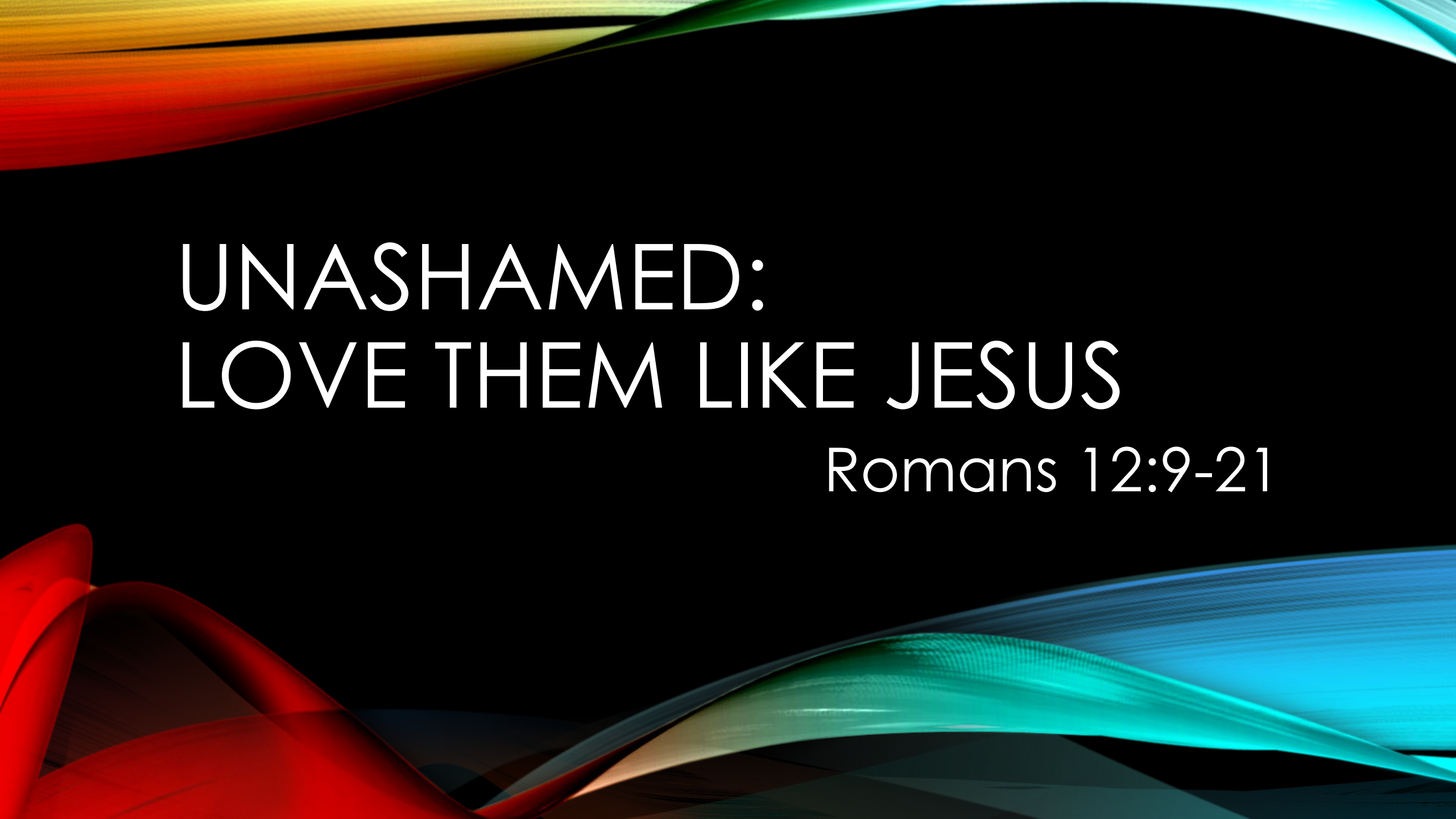


ROMANS 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”

TIME TO 'UP OUR GAME'

To this point in the letter to the Romans, Agape love was used to describe the love of God for us. Here Paul calls Christ-followers to love others with this same love that is in Christ Jesus. Bear in mind that the indwelling Holy Spirit will enable to us to love in this manner; apart from Him this love will be impossible.



UNASHAMED:
LOVE THEM LIKE JESUS

Romans 12:9-21

VS. 9

“Sincere” or w/o hypocrisy. (Gr. theater - A mask)

“Hate” to shudder or detest with horror

“Evil” is wicked, malicious or mischievous, morally or spiritually

“Cling to...good” Be glued to it



VS. 10-11

“Be devoted to” A commitment to one another as family

John 13:34-35; Phil. 2:3

In serving the Lord, don't grow lazy or slack

HEART ATTITUDE VS. 12

Also possible only through indwelling Holy Spirit

Joyful in hope (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Patient in affliction (John 16:33)

Faithful in prayer



VS. 13-14

“Share with God’s people” Acts 2:42-47; Gal. 6:10

“Practice hospitality” Pursue the love of strangers

“Bless those...” Seek God’s divine favor on
Luke 6:27-33; 23:34

“Do not curse” 1 Peter 2:21-23

VSS. 15-16

“Rejoice with” and “mourn with”

Evidences of a changed heart

Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Cor. 5:17

“Live in harmony with”

Think good music. Be that

No pride (12:3) nor favoritism (2:11; James 2:1-4)



VSS. 17-18

“Evil for evil” Recall Matt. 5:38-42

“in the eyes of everybody” Our Christian witness is so important. The world is watching!

“If it is possible...” To the extent that it depends on you, live at peace. Matt 5:9



VSS. 19-21

“Do not take revenge...” His ways are perfect. His assessment of the situation actually looks into the heart of all involved. Do I trust Him?

Instead, “Feed...offer drink...”

Prov. 25:21-22

Don't be overcome. Be the overcomer (8:37)