

True “Philadelphia”

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 - February 4, 2024

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The big truth underlying this passage: the truth about the

Hebrews 2:11; Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19; 1 John 3:1; Galatians 4:6; 1 Peter 2:17

John 13:35 *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

"Within the Christian community itself the question of fraternal love was of paramount importance since the church was open to people of all social classes and any ethnic background. Both the free and the slave were welcome, while Greeks, Romans, Macedonians, Jews, and barbarians gathered together to share the same cup in the worship of their one Lord. Men and women had equal status, as did citizens and foreigners in this community where common social boundaries were crossed as a fruit of their common salvation." (Green, G. L. (2002). *The letters to the Thessalonians* (p. 203). W.B. Eerdmans Pub.; Apollos.)

Family love in the New Testament

Romans 12:9–10

- *philoxenia*
- 1 Thessalonians 4:10

Hebrews 13:1-4

1 Peter 1:22–23

1 Peter 3:8

2 Peter 1:7

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