"A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING"

(Part 2) Romans 12:13-21

INTRODUCTION:

*Your lifestyle as a Christian should be distinctly different than the world's!

In verses 9-21, God lists for us nine higher levels of living the Christian life:

- I. A Higher Dimension of <u>LOVE</u> (v. 9a)
- II. A Higher Dimension of MORAL STANDARDS (v. 9b)
- III. A Higher Dimension of FRIENDSHIP (v. 10)
- IV. A Higher Dimension of <u>SERVICE</u> (v. 11)
- V. A Higher Dimension of SPIRITUALITY (v. 12)
- VI. A Higher Dimension of GIVING (sacrifice) (v. 13)
- VII. A Higher Dimension of <u>DISPLAYING EMOTIONS</u> (v. 14-15)
- VIII. A Higher Dimension of THINKING (v. 16)
- IX. A Higher Dimension of <u>REPAYING ENEMIES</u> (v. 17-21) (overcoming evil)
 - A. Someone who "pays back" evil with evil is Saying that <u>SIN JUSTIFIES SIN</u> (v. 17-18)
 - B. Someone who "pays back" evil with evil is <u>Taking God's PREROGATIVES</u> in their own hands (v. 19)
 - C. Someone who "pays back" evil with evil is Not practicing <u>THE LAW OF LOVE</u> (v. 20-21)