

## **"Prefer One Another"**

### **INTRODUCTION: Romans 12:9-10**

- We're to honor those for the work they do –  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
- "**in honor**" – When deserved, others should receive honor and recognition ... but ... we shouldn't SEEK recognition.

### **I. WHAT IT DOESN'T MEAN**

#### **A. Empty Flattery – Romans 12:9 – "*without hypocrisy*"**

- There's a difference between a "*compliment*" and "*flattery*" – Proverbs 26:28
- "*Flattery*" is a hypocritical kind of love – Romans 12:9
- Paul wrote about sincere love – 1 Thessalonians 2:5-6

#### **B. Belittling Ourselves – Exodus Chapter 3**

- 3:10, 3:11, 3:14, 3:12, 4:10, 4:11-12
- Belittling yourself is belittling God and His power.
- "*You are somebody ... you're GOD'S somebody!*"
- Your salvation is FREE, but not CHEAP ... Jesus paid a big price for you ... You're valuable to Him.

#### **C. Showing Partiality**

- Don't "**prefer 1 BEFORE another**" ... to the exclusion of others.

### **II. WHAT IT MEANS**

- It means UNSELFISHNESS.
- Philippians 2:3 – "**better**" means '*more important*'.
- In Romans 12:10, "**love**" is mentioned before "**prefer one another**".
- "**Love**" means putting the interests of others before your own interests ... important in a MARRIAGE!
- DEMONSTRATED IN ... Abraham & Lot ... King Saul & David ... John the Baptist and Jesus – John 3:30

### **CONCLUSION:**

- When given the opportunity, "**Prefer one another**".
- Where does Jesus rank in your life?