

THE RIGHT *KIND* OF LOVE—HEBREWS 13:1–17

When we learn to worship God “acceptably” (Heb 12:28), we also learn to love God properly; and when we learn to love God properly, then we learn to love what God loves in the way we should love it. In the final major section of this letter the author of Hebrews challenges us not only to have the right *object* of love, but also to have the right *kind* of love in three vital areas:

1. The right kind of love for God’s people (13:1–4)
 - a. Love your brothers and sisters in Christ (13:1).

 - b. Love the needy (13:2–3).
 - (1) The “strangers” (13:2)

 - (2) The “prisoners” (13:3)

 - c. Love your spouse (13:4).
2. The right kind of love for God’s blessings (13:5–6)
 - a. Love God’s provision (13:5a).
 - b. Love God’s presence (13:5b).
 - c. Love God’s deliverance (13:6).
3. The right kind of love for God’s truth (13:7–17)
 - a. Love the messengers of the truth (13:7, 17).
 - b. Love the doctrines of the truth (13:8–14).
 - c. Love the practice of the truth (13:15–16).