

SERMON NOTES

Romans 12: 9-18;
John 8:1-11

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Jesus Never Said That! “Love the Sinner. Hate the Sin.”

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- I. Did Jesus say to “Love the Sinner?”
 - A. How did Jesus treat sinners?

 - B. How did Jesus treat sin?

- II. Do we have a ranking system for sin?
 - A. Examples of mortal sins (i.e. sins that are done with knowledge of the sin)

 - B. Examples of lesser sins

- III. Romans 12:9
 - A. We are to let love be genuine and to hate what is evil.
 - B. Sometimes love is not genuine, even when we are trying.

- IV. How can human systems treat “sins” and “sinners”?
 - A. Labels

 - B. Look at literature: Hester Prynne

- V. How does Jesus treat sins and sinners?
 - A. John 8: The Woman Caught in Adultery
 - 1. Jesus sees through the set-up
 - 2. He asks the one without sin to throw the first stone.
 - 3. He does not forgive the sin, but saves the sinner.
 - 4. He does not call her “sinner” but “Woman”

 - B. Jesus calls us to love not “the sinner” but our neighbor

- VI. Quote from St. Augustine: “God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.”
Love has the power to transform lives.
That is the love and work of God.

- VII. Jesus does not shun the sin. Rather, he takes them all in to himself and redeems them, and us, on the cross.