

ROMANS

The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

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Ro 8:9 "You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him."

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2 Thess 3:5 "May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ."

Jude 20-21

"But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God"

How do we keep ourselves in the love of God?

PRAYING

PREVENTING ourselves from messing with things that would grieve or offend him,

PERSERVERING in our love to him by diligently using all means to grow in grace.

"to ponder for a moment on our debts to God that are absolutely overwhelming, and see our hearts enflamed to delight in him because he first loved us. To please God . . . to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness . . . to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is. Seeing the Father's heart towards us as loving will feed the flame of divine affection. To the degree that we see and receive the love of God, we delight in God." CS Lewis