### Love That Reflects Jesus Hebrews 13:1-4 GLBC 5/4/25

**A. Love the Congregation** – "Let brotherly love continue" (v.1)

## **Application Questions:**

- Do I treat church members as family or just Sunday acquaintances?
- Am I willing to work through conflict instead of avoiding people?
- Is there someone in church I need to **forgive** or pursue in reconciliation?
- **B. Love the Community** "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers... Remember those in prison ...and the mistreated..." (v.2-3)

Hospitality is a witness. It says, "You matter. You belong."

## **Application Questions:**

- When was the last time I **welcomed someone new** into my life—not just socially, but spiritually?
- Am I willing to let my **comfort be inconvenienced** for the sake of someone else's dignity?

#### For church:

- Are we known as a welcoming community to outsiders, or as a club for insiders?
- Do we only serve those who can give back—or do we love those who will never repay us?
- C. Love Your Spouse "Let marriage be held in honor among all" (v.4a)

# **Application Questions:**

#### For those who are married:

- Do I speak to and about my spouse with **respect and tenderness**?
- Am I pursuing faithfulness in my thoughts, attitudes, & actions?
- Do my choices reflect that I see my marriage as **holy ground**?

# For those who are single:

- Do I value marriage as God does, or as the culture does?
- If the Lord has a future relationship in my plans, am I preparing for that relationship by learning **faithfulness**, **service**, **and self-control**?

# D. Love w/ a Clear Conscience – "...for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous." (v.4b)

## **Application Questions:**

- Am I **flirting with compromise** in my thought life or online habits?
- Are there secret patterns pulling me away from intimacy w/ Christ?
- Do I believe God's design is good, or do I treat my body and sexuality as my own?
- Do I find my satisfaction in **Christ**, or am I chasing it in sin?
  - o If chasing other things, then it's time to revisit the Gospel.

# **Conclusion: Love That Reflects Jesus**

This passage in Hebrews shows us that real love isn't one-dimensional. It stretches:

- **Inward** to the church,
- Outward to the world,
- Deep into our closest relationships,
- Upward to God, who sees our hearts.