



## Scripture Theme 2016-2017

*From Paul's Letter to the Romans*



*“Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor” Romans 12:9-10*

### *Background*

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Paul's letter to the Romans, written in the middle of the first century, gives us a glimpse into the things that Paul holds dear - community, love, and faith in Jesus. These themes are at the heart of the gospel message. He opens the letter proclaiming the power of the gospel. Very simply Paul is saying to the Roman community that salvation is for everyone and because we are all sinners no one has “earned” salvation. As we look toward the chapter from where our scripture theme comes, Paul begins to emphasize the community of the Body of Christ. If we are to truly embrace Paul's words then we need to see ourselves as the living embodiment of Christ. Truly we should love God and dear neighbor without distinction. In doing this we manifest a sincere love that is honorable and one that elevates hospitality, understanding and compassion for all.

#### **Questions for Reflection**

1. In what ways does the Benilde-St. Margaret community reflect the Body of Christ?
2. What in your life is good and worth holding on to? What things might you need to let go of?
3. How have you experienced unconditional love?
4. How can students, faculty and staff and families of Benilde-St. Margaret's represent the true love of Jesus?
5. How do you bring about hospitality, understanding and compassion in your life?

