

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Christian Community: The Ultimate Safe Space”

“iChurch – Doing Church Intentionally – Pt. 10

Colossians 3:11-15 & Selected

**A healthy New Testament church is intentional about doing
community together!**

For True Christian Community to Thrive...

I. The church must be a safe space for all!

“Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.” Vs. 11

Barriers that Destroy Christian Community:

- **Racial Barriers**
- **Religious Barriers**
- **Cultural Barriers**
- **Social Barriers**

II. The members must put on the character of Jesus!

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved...” Vs. 12a

Do I continually promote Christian Community...

1. By being compassionate like Jesus?

“...compassionate hearts.” Vs. 12b

“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

Matthew 9:36

2. By being kind like Jesus?

"...kindness." Vs. 12c

See Matthew 11:28-30

3. By walking in humility like Jesus?

"...humility." Vs. 12d

4. By being gentle like Jesus?

"...meekness." Vs. 12e

5. By being patient like Jesus?

"...and patience." Vs. 12f

See 1 Timothy 1:15-16

6. By bearing with others like Jesus?

"...bearing with one another." Vs. 13a

7. By forgiving like Jesus?

"...and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive."

Vs. 13b

8. By loving like Jesus?

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." Vs. 14

9. By living at peace with fellow Christians like Jesus?

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Vs. 15