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OUR CULTURE

A Gospel- Culture

JOHN 13:34-35
HEB 10:23-25





“One cannot explain the explosive dynamite, the *dunamis*, of the early church apart from the fact that they practiced two things simultaneously: orthodoxy of doctrine and orthodoxy of community in the midst of the visible church, a community which the world could see. By the grace of God, therefore, the church must be known simultaneously for its purity of doctrine and the reality of its community.”

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

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1. Gospel-Doctrine: Just as I have loved you

JOHN 13:34-35 CSB

³⁴ “I give you a new command: Love one another. **Just as I have loved you**, you are also to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



1. Gospel-Doctrine: Just as I have loved you

EPHESIANS 3:18-19 ESV

¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and **to know the love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge



“Could we with ink the oceans fill, or were the
skies of parchment made; were every stalk on
earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; to
write the love of God above, would drain the
oceans dry, nor could the scroll contain the whole
though stretched from sky to sky.”

“THE LOVE OF GOD IS GREATER FAR”
FREDERICK LEHMAN

2. Gospel-Culture: Love one another



JOHN 13:34-35 CSB

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2. Gospel-Culture: Love one another

ROMANS 15:5-7 ESV

⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.



Gospel Culture

- * Love one another (John 13:34)
- * Honour one another (Rom 12:10)
12:15)
- * Build up one another (Rom 14:19)
- * Serve one another (Gal 5:13)
- * Be patient with one another (Eph 4:2)
- * Encourage one another (1 Thess 5:11)
5:16)
- * Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)
- * Be devoted to one another (Rom 12:5)
- * Rejoice with one another (Rom 12:15)
- * Care for one another (1 Cor 12:25)
- * Carry one another's burdens (Gal 6:2)
- * Forgive one another (Eph 4:32)
- * Pray for one another (James 5:16)



“It was the incendiary character of the early Christian fellowship which was amazing to the contemporary Romans, and it was amazing precisely because there was nothing in their experience that was remotely similar to it. Religion they had in vast quantities, but it was nothing like this...Much of the uniqueness of Christianity, in its original emergence, consisted of the fact that simple people could be amazingly powerful when they were members one of another.



As everyone knows, it is almost impossible to create a fire with one log, even if it is a sound one, while several poor logs may make an excellent fire if they stay together as they burn. The miracle of the early church was that of poor sticks making a grand conflagration.”

ELTON TRUEBLOOD

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3. Gospel-Integrity: By this, everyone will know...

JOHN 13:34-35 CSB

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3. Gospel-Integrity: By this, everyone will know...

HEBREWS 10:24-25 ESV

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up **one another** to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet **together**, as is the habit of some, **but encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



“The goal of Christian community is that we meet one another as bringers of the gospel.”

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER



“You cannot grow in holiness and holier-than-thou-ness at the same time.”

JARED WILSON



GOSPEL + SAFETY + TIME = GOSPEL-CULTURE