## Reflecting on the "One Another" Passages of the New Testament | June 9, 2019

**Introduction**: In this week's study, we seek to remind ourselves of the simple, yet vital truth that God never intended for His children to follow Him in isolation. In addition to the amazing blessing of the Holy Spirit, God has given us one another (i.e., brothers and sisters in Christ) to love, encourage and serve.

## **Questions for Study and Discussion**

1. Read through the list of "one another" passages included with these questions. Which of these commands seems the most difficult for you to obey?

2. You might have chosen the easy (and awkward) command to, "greet one another with a holy kiss" as your answer for the last question. Taking obvious cultural differences into consideration, what do these verses teach us about the way we ought to think of one another and relate to one another? 3. There is no shortage of the command to "love one another" in this list. Using other commands from this list, how would you further explain or define the kind of love Christ calls us to in His Word?

4. In John 13, Jesus commands His disciples to, "love one another just as I have loved you." While this chapter begins with a vivid display of Jesus' love, it also points to an even greater act of love that is yet to come; i.e., the cross. Take some time to explain how the love of Christ (particularly His death on the cross and resurrection) has transformed your life.

5. How does Christ's love compel you to love others, particularly by sharing the Gospel with them? (See 2 Corinthians 5:13-21.)

6. Read Ephesians 4:32 and Colossians 3:13 (among other passages on this list). How does the forgiveness of Christ compel you to forgive others?

7. One of the greatest joys of the Christian life fellowship with other believers—often appears to be one of the greatest causes of controversy and conflict. According to James 4, where do these two problems really come from? What advice does James offer as a solution to these problems? (See verses 6-8, 10-11, in particular.)

How does humbling ourselves in the sight of God and others actually lead us to unity and peace instead of quarreling and division?

8. What are some ways that you have recently obeyed the commands to "offer hospitality to" (1 Peter 4:9) and "teach and admonish" (Colossians 3:16) one another? How can our church improve in these areas?

## The 59 "One Another" Passages of the NT

1. "...Be at peace with each other." (Mark 9:50)

- 2. "...Wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)
- 3. "...Love one another..." (John 13:34)
- 4. "...Love one another..." (John 13:34)
- 5. "...Love one another..." (John 13:35)
- 6. "...Love one another..." (John 15:12)
- 7. "...Love one another" (John 15:17)
- 8. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10)
- 9. "...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
- 10. "Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:16)
- 11. "...Love one another..." (Romans 13:8)
- 12. "...Stop passing judgment on one another." (Romans 14:13)
- 13. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." (Romans 15:7)
- 14. "...Instruct one another." (Romans 15:14)
- 15. "Greet one another with a holy kiss..." (Romans 16:16)
- 16. "...When you come together to eat, wait for each other." (I Cor. 11:33)
- 17. "...Have equal concern for each other." (I Corinthians 12:25)
- 18. "...Greet one another with a holy kiss." (I Corinthians 16:20)
- 19. "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (II Corinthians 13:12)
- 20. "...Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)
- 21. "If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other." (Galatians 5:15)
- 22. "Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." (Galatians 5:26)
- 23. "Carry each other's burdens..." (Galatians 6:2)
- 24. "...Be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2)
- 25. "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32)
- 26. "...Forgiving each other..." (Ephesians 4:32)
- 27. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." (Ephesians 5:19)
- 28. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21)
- 29. "...In humility consider others better than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3)
- 30. "Do not lie to each other..." (Colossians 3:9)
- 31. "Bear with each other..." (Colossians 3:13)

32. "...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." (Colossians 3:13)

- 33. "Teach...[one another]" (Colossians 3:16)
- 34. "...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
- 35. "...Make your love increase and overflow for each other." (I Thessalonians 3:12)
- 36. "...Love each other." (I Thessalonians 4:9)
- 37. "...Encourage each other..."(I Thessalonians 4:18)
- 38. "...Encourage each other..." I Thessalonians 5:11)
- 39. "...Build each other up..." (I Thessalonians 5:11)
- 40. "Encourage one another daily..." Hebrews 3:13)
- 41. "...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)
- 42. "...Encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)
- 43. "...Do not slander one another." (James 4:11)
- 44. "Don't grumble against each other..." (James 5:9)
- 45. "Confess your sins to each other..." (James 5:16)
- 46. "...Pray for each other." (James 5:16)
- 47. "...Love one another deeply, from the heart." (I Peter 3:8)
- 48. "...Live in harmony with one another..." (I Peter 3:8)
- 49. "...Love each other deeply..." (I Peter 4:8)
- 50. "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (I Peter 4:9)

51. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (I Peter 4:10)

- 52. "...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." (I Peter 5:5)
- 53. "Greet one another with a kiss of love." (I Peter 5:14)
- 54. "...Love one another." (I John 3:11)
- 55. "...Love one another." (I John 3:23)
- 56. "...Love one another." (I John 4:7)
- 57. "...Love one another." (I John 4:11)
- 58. "...Love one another." (I John 4:12)
- 59. "...Love one another." (II John 5)

List from Carl F. George, "Prepare Your Church for the Future" (Tarrytown: Revell, 1991), 129-131