Christians understand their identity as <u>citizens</u> of God's kingdom, or as Peter writes: sojourners and exiles

Christians are called to live among <u>unbelievers</u> in a way that glorifies God.

- 1. The relationship with oppressive government leaders
- 2. The relationship between servants and <u>harsh</u> masters
- 3. The relationship between wives and unbelieving husbands and husbands toward their wives.

The way Christians <u>conduct</u> themselves and treat other people has an impact on our relationship with God.

5 Commands for relationships in the church and the evidence of God's calling in your life.

5 Commands for relationships in the church

- 1. Harmony- Unity of mind
- 2. Sympathy
- 3. Brotherly love
- 4. Compassion- A tender heart
- 5. <u>Humility</u>- A humble mind

Harmony - <u>Sympathy</u> - **Love** - <u>Compassion</u> - Humility A. B. C. B. A.

- A. Harmony and Humility are comparative characteristics
- B. Sympathy and Compassion are comparative characteristics

C. Love is the central characteristic and action that is at the heart of relationships within the church.

God calls Christians to live a transformed life

A transformed life flows from the <u>love</u> of Christ, and <u>glorifies</u> God through our love for one another and our commitment to the <u>good</u> of those who don't know Jesus.