



Jesus said:

John 17:20-21 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me."

One Anothering: Bearing



Ephesians 4:1-7



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1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 [*There is*] one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,



Ephesians 4:

6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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Speaking of Freedom...

- Paul reaches out from prison...
 - Whose prison are you in? 'Rome' or God?
- 3 chapters of God's work of salvation!
 - God looking to show his grace in us!
 - We are the examples of His love...
 - In trials, tribulation, jail, problems...

Walk worthy...

- Walk in the Spirit, flesh is defeated!
- Walk worthy of Jesus
 - Humility – modest sense of oneself
 - Gentleness – gentle spirit “meekness”
 - Patience – endurance, long – suffer



Galatians 5:

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 **gentleness**, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Goal in Jesus

- Tolerance?
- *anechomai*-to hold us, endure, to sustain, to 'stake' or support.
 - We will have to do this at some time!
 - So many areas to fall short in...
 - No Pretending! Alternatives?

Not bearing...

- Christian Cannibals! Gal 5:15
- James 5:9 – that you won't be judged!
- James 4:1-3 –lost prayers!
- God is able to make us all stand!
- We 'work'/serve Him! "Stake them up!"

Insight from James

James 5:9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

James 4:1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; [so] you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; [so] you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend [it] on your pleasures.

Be diligent!

- Unity of the Spirit – John 17!
- Bond of peace – bound by His peace
 - One body - HIS!
 - One peace - HIS!!
 - One calling (hope) – HIS!!!
 - One Lord, Faith, Baptism. God and Father!

Grace for all

- Father has the plan and the power!
 - GRACE FOR ALL!
 - According to **Christ's Gift!**
 - Support and sustain one another...
 - You will need it one day!
 - Today!

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

- Ephesians 4:2-3 -

