



## 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: Serving



Galatians 5:13-16



## Galatians 5:

13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only [do] not [turn] your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the [statement,] "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.



# Called to Freedom

- Freedom is a **HUGE** responsibility!
  - Eleutheria – “liberty to do or omit”
  - Liberty is not license!!
- Freedom is a **CALLING!**
  - God’s Idea, not ours!
  - Free to do as He has shown by **EXAMPLE**



## A thought:

**No man has the right to  
do what he pleases until  
he pleases to do what is  
right.**

**Charles Simmons**

# 'Flesh' Opportunity

- *sarx* – The sensual, animal side
  - Always looks for the “ME-ology”
  - Not His calling but rather opportunity!
  - *aphorme* – “base of military operations”
- Simply put – SIN!

# Through Love, Serve

- Through Love
- This is the only legitimate MOTIVE John 3:16
- Serve – *douleuo* – service, obedience
  - It can be for others
  - Same word used of service to GOD!
  - What if...
  - Golden Rule still GOLD to GOD

# Failure to serve...

- If we remain self-contained/focused
- Cannibals Christians!
  - Bite and devour?
  - Sinful pride will turn to hunting... “juicy gossip”
  - Consume one another!
  - Wasted time in division, jealousy, pride

# Spirit Motivation

- Walk by the Spirit
  - Surrender to His insights, guidance, service
  - Acts 2:42ff
  - Whatever your hand finds to do...
  - Gift-ings that make a difference
  - Deeds of flesh vs Fruit of the Spirit



## Galatians 5:

19 Now the **deeds of the flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 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.

# Through Love, We Serve

- Do The DO's OF SERVICE!
  - How can we serve each other today?
  - doulos* – 127x
- Key is to remember WHO you are serving...
- GOD and HIS PEOPLE!



**SERVE**