CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

"ONE ANOTHER" (PART 1)

INTRODUCTION:

A. There are 59 "One Another" commands in the New Testament.

The "One Another" commands teach Believers how and how not (Do's and Don'ts)to relate to, engage, behave, respond to, treat, and exist with "One Another" each other.

- B. The Greek word <u>Allelon</u> in the New Testament means "One Another" or "Each Other in English translation.
- **C.** "The 'One Anothers' of Scripture are a gift. They teach us how to interact in the Body of Christ. We are to incorporate them into daily living." Dawn Wilson
- **Love One Another** (John 13:34a, 34b, 35; 15:12, 17; Rom 13:8; 1 Thess 3:12; 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22; 3:8; 4:8; 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12; 2 John 5)
 - A. Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments into Two Commandments
 - o ³⁷ Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ⁹And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Matt 22:37-39).
 - o When we love our neighbor, it demonstrates that we love one another.
 - B. We are to love one another just as Jesus loves us.

It shows that we are Disciples (followers) of Christ.

o "³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:34-35).

Jesus love us unconditionally (Rom 5:8, sacrificially (2 Cor 5:21), with forgiveness (Eph 4:32), and eternally (Rom 8:38-39).

- C. Demonstrate love for one another, just as Jesus demonstrates His love for us.
 - As Believers, we have the Holy Spirit living within us to show the love of Christ.
 - o "19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor 6:19-20).
- **II.** <u>Live in Harmony with One Another</u> (Rom 12:16; 15:5; 2Cor 13:11; 1 Peter 3:8) Believers are to be humble, thinking of others, putting others first, and being gracious to others. Courtesy serves others before self. It seeks opportunities to assist and expresses prompt appreciation for kindness received. It is never rude, condescending, disrespectful, vulgar, high-minded, or coarse toward others.

III. Encourage One Another (1 Thess 4:18; 5:11; Heb 3:13; 10:25)

Believers are to encourage one another while awaiting the Return of Christ by teaching, discipleship and setting examples based on the Word of God with loving care. Encourage one another not to give up on Christ during times of trials, tribulation, persecution, sickness, and suffering.

IV. Pray for One Another (James 5:16)

- 1. Pray for the Sick and Shut-in
- **2.** Pray for UnBelievers
- **3.** Pray for the Church, Leaders, and fellow Believers
- **4.** Pray for Family and Friends

V. Bear with One Another (Eph 4:2; Col 3:13)

Believers are to have Patience with the failing and odd ways of one another. Be willing to put up with the odd behaviors of others just as it is a must for them to put up with ours.

Challenge for Believers

They Love A Fellow Over There

In Chicago a few years ago a little boy attended a Sunday school I know of. When his parents moved to another part of the city the little fellow still attended the same Sunday school, although it meant a long, tiresome walk each way. A friend asked him why he went so far, and told him that there were plenty of others just as good nearer his home. "They may be as good for others, but not for me," was his reply. "Why not?" she asked. "Because they love a fellow over there," he replied.

If only we could make the world know that we loved them there would be many more who would come to Christ. Let love replace mere duty in our interactions with others, and the world would soon be evangelized - (Bible Truth - D.L. Moody).

o Be sure to let others know that you love them – Believers and UnBelievers

MEMORY VERSE:

"These things I command you, that ye love one another" (John 15:17).

CONCLUSION:

A. We are to (1) Love One Another, (2) Live in Harmony with One Another, (3) Encourage One Another, (4) Pray for One Another, and (5) Bear with One Another.

B. Tell Someone About Jesus

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).