

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

“ONE ANOTHER” (PART II)

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 Allelon in the New Testament means “One Another” or “Each Other in English translation.

C. “The ‘One Others’ 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

In Part 1 of our Bible Study on “One Another”, we reviewed: (1) Love One Another, (2) Live in Harmony with One Another, (3) Encourage One Another, (4) Pray for One Another, and (5) Bear One Another.

In Part II of our continuing Bible Study on “One Another”, we will review the following:

I. Greet One Another (Rom 15:7; 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Thess 5:26; 1 Pet 5:14)

A. It was the practice of the early Believers to show their love, unity, and friendship toward one another by greeting each other with a kiss.

B. For the early Christians, a Holy Kiss was a means of wishing all earthly, spiritual, and eternal happiness to one another.

C. The Holy Kiss of the earthly Believers, even among men, was done righteously in recognition that all Believers are Brothers and Sisters in the Family of God.

D. “Greet the Brethren with a Holy Kiss” (1 Thess 5:26). “This is a commandment. Just make sure it is a Holy Kiss! In our culture and with our customs, a Warm Handshake will do.” – J. Vernon McGee

II. Be of the Same Mind with One Another (Ps 133:1; 2 Cor 13:11)

○ Be of the same mind, Be likeminded – to think the same thing, to be united, to keep from divisions and strifes.

A. A Believer can “Be of the Same Mind” with others (One Another) by not having too high of an opinion of themselves. Do not think of yourself as being above or better than others. The Believer is not to be wise in his own deceptions.

B. The Believer is to pray and meditate on God’s command to “Be of the Same Mind” with others (Rom 12:16-20; 1 Cor 12:25-27).

C. To “Be of the Same Mind” with One Another is to live in such a way that Believers enrich and complement each other. Believers are more together as one when they are of the “same mind” than if each Believer is on their own.

D. Bible Verses about Unity - Being of the Same Mind

- “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (Ps 133:1)
- “⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others (Rom 12:4-5).
- “Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, **be of one mind**, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you” (2 Cor 13:11).
- “⁵May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶so that with **one mind** and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 15:5-6).

E. In Tune With the Master

“When we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune - out of harmony with others and with God. But if we live in tune with the Master, we, too, will find ourselves surrounded by His beautiful music. As this new year begins, ask God to help you tune your life every day to His Word, so you can bring harmony and joy to those around you” - Billy Graham

III. Do Not Speak Evil of One Another (James 4:11)

- **Speaking Evil** – to criticize, judge, backbite, gossip, condemn and grumble against another person.

A. To criticize a fellow Believer is to slander one of God’s own children.

B. A Believer is to examine His attitude and actions toward others. Are you building up or tearing down others. Remember the Love of God when you are tempted to speak evil of another person. Instead of criticizing a person, say something good or beneficial to the person.

Three Questions to Ask Yourself Before Criticizing Others:

1. What Good does it do for the other person?
2. What good does it do for yourself?
3. What Glory for God is in it?

- “**So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God**” (1 Cor 10:31).

- “**And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him**” (Col 3:17).

- **Evil Speaking and Judging**

Do not slander one another.” There are conversations that should not be taking place if the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is precious to you. Christians have no right to gossip and listen to the tales of anyone. No greater injury can be inflicted upon a person than to destroy his reputation. Slander is a vice that strikes a double blow. It wounds both him that commits it and him who is slandered. – Geoff Thomas

IV. Be Kind (Compassionate) to One Another (Eph 4:32)

Kind – to be useful, gentle, pleasant, beneficial

Tender-hearted – merciful, compassionate, “Bowel of Mercies” (Col 3:12)

A. A Believer is to exhibit an unselfish concern for the welfare of others, and a genuine desire to be helpful even at great personal sacrifice.

B. A Believer is to exhibit a sympathetic, affectionate, and compassionate interest in others and a willingness to bear their burden.

C. The Power of Kindness

A horse passing down the street in a stage suddenly stood still, and refused to go. He put down his forefoot and became as stubborn as a mule. The driver beat him with great severity, but the animal still refused to go. Finally, a respectable person, a passer-by, picked up a little hay and put it before the horse. He ate it, and the friend kindly patted him on the neck and coaxed him. In a minute or two the stubbornness was gone, and the horse, with driver, were on their way. So let parents, masters, teachers, ministers, try the hand and food of kindness with all stubborn souls with whom they may have to do - (John Bate.)

MEMORY VERSE:

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom 12:1-2).

CONCLUSION:

A. We are to (1) Greet One Another, (2) Be of the Same Mind with One Another, (3) Do Not Speak Evil of One Another, and (4) Be Kind (Compassionate) to One Another.

B. “Let us get back to the simple gospel—Christ died for our sins. We must know Christ at Calvary first, as our substitute, as our Redeemer; and the moment we accept Him as our Savior and our Redeemer, then it is that we become partakers of the gospel.” – D.L. Moody

C. ABC’s of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)

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