

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Many Voices, One New World

Matthew 20:25, 26—Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it OVER THEM, and their high officials exercise authority OVER THEM. NOT SO WITH YOU. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”

Matthew 23:8-12— “But you are NOT to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master and YOU ARE ALL BROTHERS [equal]. And do NOT call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have ONE FATHER, and he is in heaven. NOR are you to be called ‘teacher,’ for you have ONE TEACHER, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

1 Corinthians 14:26—What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, EACH OF YOU has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.

Romans 15:14—I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent TO INSTRUCT ONE ANOTHER.

Colossians 3:16—Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you TEACH AND ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

1 Peter 2:4-5—As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by human beings but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like LIVING STONES, are being built into A SPIRITUAL HOUSE to be a HOLY PRIESTHOOD, offering SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:19—Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of HIS HOUSE, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him THE WHOLE BUILDING is joined together and rises to become A HOLY TEMPLE in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become A DWELLING IN WHICH GOD LIVES by his Spirit.

“That the world may be healed.” — John 3.17

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Vocation versus Status

Romans 16.5—Greet also the church that meets AT THEIR HOUSE.

1 Corinthians 16.19—The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets AT THEIR HOUSE.

Colossians 4.15—Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church IN HER HOUSE.

Romans 12.1—Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as A LIVING SACRIFICE, holy and pleasing to God—this is true worship.

1 Peter 2.9—But you are a chosen people, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Ephesians 4.11-16—The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some shepherds and teachers, to EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, for building up the body of Christ . . . But speaking the truth [to one another] in love, we must grow up in every way into Him who is THE HEAD, INTO CHRIST, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together BY EVERY LIGAMENT WITH WHICH IT IS EQUIPPED, as EACH PART IS WORKING PROPERLY, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

1 Peter 5.1-4—To the ELDERS among you, I appeal as a FELLOW ELDER and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be SHEPHERDS of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; NOT LORDING IT OVER THOSE ENTRUSTED TO YOU, but being EXAMPLES to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

The One Anothers of the New Testament

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“THE ONE ANOTHERS”

A Glimpse of the First Century Followers of Jesus

Mark 9.50—Be at peace with each other.

1 Corinthians 11.33—So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together.

John 13.14 —Wash one another’s feet.

John 13.34,35—A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 15.12—My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15.17—This is my command: Love each other.

Romans 12.10—Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12.16—Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not think you are superior.

Romans 13.8—Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.

Romans 14.13—Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

Romans 14.19—Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Romans 15.5—May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.

Romans 15.7—Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15.14—Instruct one another.

Romans 16.16—Greet one another with a holy kiss.

1 Corinthians 12.25—So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1 Corinthians 16.20—Greet one another with a holy kiss.

2 Corinthians 13.12—Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Galatians 5.13—Serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5.15—If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Ephesians 4.2—Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4.32—Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 5.19—Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

Philippians 2.3—Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

Colossians 3.13—Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3.16—Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

1 Thessalonians 3.12—May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

1 Thessalonians 4.9 —Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.11—Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.13—Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.15—Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

2 Thessalonians 1.3—We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

Hebrews 3.13—But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Hebrews 10.24,25—And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

James 4.11—Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

James 5.9—Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

James 5.16—Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

1 Peter 1.22—Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 4.8-10—Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 5.5—In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.

1 Peter 5.14—Greet one another with a kiss of love.

1 John 1.7—But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 3.11—For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

1 John 3.23—And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

1 John 4.7—Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4.11,12—Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

2 John 5—And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another.

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