

THE ONE ANOTHERS

A Glimpse of the Calling of the Early Church

Mark 9.50—Be at peace with each other.

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.

1Corinthians 11.33—So then, my brothers and sisters,

when you gather to eat, you should all eat together.

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

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

2Corinthians 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.

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

1Thessalonians 4.9—Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have

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been taught by God to love each other.

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

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

1Thessalonians 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.

2Thessalonians 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.

1Peter 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.

1Peter 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.

1Peter 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.

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

1John 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.

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

1John 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.

1John 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.

1John 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.

2John 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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THE VALUE OF “OTHERS”

Doing Life Together and Submitting to Jesus' One Another Kingdom

1John 3.14—We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

Matthew 5.44-48— Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil . . . You must love perfectly—just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (see also Luke 6:36)

Matthew 7.16-20—You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

John 17.20-26—My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

Ephesians 5.1,2—Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us . . .

1Peter 4.7,8—The end of all things is near. . . . Above all, love each other deeply . . .

1Corinthians 16.14—Do everything in love.

John 13.35—By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Philippians 1.9—And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.

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2Thessalonians 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.

1 Corinthians 13 & The One Anothers of the New Testament

1John 4.7,8—Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:19—We love because he first loved us.

1John 4.16—And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

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Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1John 3.16—This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Acts 2.40-47—With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Ekklesia and The One Anothers!



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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Embracing the Kingdom, Not To Be Confused With a Religion

John 14.6—Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

Hebrews 1.1-3—In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, . . . The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being . . .

John 14.9—Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

Luke 22.25,26—Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.”

Luke 10.38-42— . . . Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” (See also Galatians 3.28)

Luke 4.18—The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Mark 10.29-30—“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left

Mark 1.15—“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Acts 28.30,31—For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

The Kingdom of God is centered on one thing: manifesting the beauty of God’s Character. It’s a beautiful revolution. It’s not so much about a list of beliefs as it is a way of life. It’s not about conquering the world for Jesus but humbly and lovingly serving the world like Jesus. It’s not about going to church, but about being the church. It’s not about confessing Jesus, but about loving the world like Jesus.

Jesus is our example, teacher, friend, redeemer, and Lord. He is the source of our life, the central reference point for our faith and lifestyle, for our understanding of church, and our engagement with society. We are committed to following Jesus as well as worshipping him.

Jesus is the focal point of God’s revelation. We are committed to a Jesus-centered approach to the Bible, and to the community of faith as the primary context in which we read the Bible and discern and apply its implications for discipleship.

Western culture is slowly emerging from the Christendom era, when church and state jointly presided over a society in which almost all were assumed to be Christian. Whatever its positive contributions on values and institutions, Christendom seriously distorted the gospel, marginalized Jesus, and has left the churches ill equipped for mission in a post-Christendom culture. As we reflect on this, we are committed to learning from the experience and perspectives of movements of Jesus followers that have gone before us and that rejected standard Christendom assumptions and pursued alternative ways of thinking and behaving.

Churches are called to be committed communities of discipleship and mission, places of friendship, mutual accountability, and multivoiced worship. As we eat together, sharing bread and wine, we sustain hope as we seek God’s kingdom together. We are committed to nurturing and developing such churches, in which young and old are valued, leadership is consultative, roles are related to gifts rather than gender, and baptism is for believers.

Spirituality and economics are interconnected. In an individualist and consumerist culture and in a world where economic injustice is rife, we are committed to finding ways of living simply, sharing generously, caring for creation, and working for justice.

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home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

Luke 21.2-3—He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others.”

Matthew 26.52—Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.”

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Peace is at the heart of the gospel. As followers of Jesus in a divided and violent world, we are committed to finding nonviolent alternatives and to learning how to make peace between individuals, within and among churches, in society, and between nations.

1 Corinthians 3.3-9, 21-23—You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere human beings? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings? What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are God’s co-workers; you are God’s field, God’s building . . . So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

1 Corinthians 4.6—Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “DO NOT GO BEYOND WHAT IS WRITTEN.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other.

Luke 14.25-33—Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even life itself—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Luke 10.9—Heal the sick who are there and tell them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

Ephesians 5.1,2 (The Message)—Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. What God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.