

Establishing Churches 6 – One Another

Romans 12:5 - So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

- “member” = literally “body part”

Romans 12:10a - Be devoted to one another in brotherly love...

- “be devoted” = *philostorgos*
 - Only used here in whole Bible
 - 4 Greek words for love – this words joins 2 of them together
 - *phileo* = friendship, brotherly love
 - *stergo* = the love you have for your own parents or children

Romans 12:10b - ...Give preference to one another in honor

- ESV: “outdo one another in showing honor.”
- New Living: “take delight in honoring each other.”

Romans 12:15a - Rejoice with one another...

Romans 12:15b - ...And weep with one another

Romans 12:16 - Be of the same mind toward one another, do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation

- ESV: Live in harmony with one another

Romans 14:13 - Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this: not to put an obstacle or stumbling block in a brother’s way

Romans 15:7 - Accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God

Romans 15:14 - And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.

- “to admonish” = “to confront, exhort, counsel, and warn” one-another

Romans 16:16 - Greet one another with a holy kiss

- This command to greet one another as real friends (“with a holy kiss”) is repeated 3 other times: **1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12, 1 Peter 5:14**

1 Corinthians 11:33 - So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another

1 Corinthians 12:25 - There should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another

- “care for” = same word as when Jesus told us to not “worry” about what we’ll eat or drink

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

- *serve* = *douleuo* → Where Greek word for slave came from

Galatians 5:15 - But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Galatians 6:2 - Bear one another’s burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ

- In Matthew 28, Jesus said, “Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”... Our calling in the church is to be that for one another.

Ephesians 4:1-2 – 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love

- “bearing with one another” = elsewhere translated “to put up with” (Jesus rebuked the disciples, “How long will I put up with you?”)

Ephesians 4:32a - And be kind to one another, tenderhearted...

Ephesians 4:32b - ...Forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 5:19 - speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord

Ephesians 5:21 - And be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

- ESV: “submitting to one another”

Philippians 2:3 - Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves

Colossians 3:9 - Do not lie to one another, since you stripped off the old self with its evil practices

Colossians 3:13 - Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you do also.”

Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

1 Thessalonians 4:18 - Therefore, comfort one another with these words

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing

- This command to encourage one another is repeated elsewhere...
 - **Hebrews 3:13** - But encourage one another every day...
 - **Hebrews 10:24-25** – 24 and let’s consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, 5 not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.
 - “encourage” = one of the Greek words used for “encourage” in these verses is related to a name for the Holy Spirit as our “Comforter”
 - We’re called to administer the Holy Spirit’s presence and love and power to each other
 - This Greek word can mean “to summon... to call to your side...”

James 4:11 - Do not speak against one another, brothers and sisters...

James 5:9 - Do not complain, brothers and sisters, against one another, so that you may not be judged...

James 5:16 - Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.

1 Peter 4:9 - Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

1 Peter 4:10 - As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God

1 Peter 5:5 - You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God is opposed to the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.

- “clothe yourselves” = Greek word gives a sense of wrapping yourself with a worker’s apron, tightly tying the ends in a knot so it doesn’t fall off.

1 John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light as he himself is the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

- “fellowship” = *koinonia*
 - Comes from a Greek word that means “unholy” or “common”
 - In the church, walls and divisions come down in God’s light and holiness.
 - In the church, we have *koinonia*, we are all common, all together, nothing sacred and separate and too good to be with the rest of us
 - In Secular Greek, this word was sometimes used for the marriage covenant or sexual intimacy
 - The root word means “with”

Love One Another

- **John 13:34-35** - 34 I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.”
- **John 15:12** – This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
- **John 15:17** – This I command you, that you love one another.
- **Romans 13:8** – Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another...
- **1 Thessalonians 3:12** - may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow in love for one another...
 - “overflow” = Not being stingy with love, but giving it out freely
- **1 Thessalonians 4:9** - ...you yourselves are taught by God to love one another
- **1 Peter 1:22** - ...fervently love one another from the heart
 - “fervently” = Greek word meaning “fully stretched out, without slack”... that we love one another fully, stretched out like a bedsheet with no wrinkles...
- **1 Peter 4:8** – Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.
- **1 John 3:11** - For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we are to love one another...
- **1 John 3:23** - This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.
- **1 John 4:7** - Beloved, let’s love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
- **1 John 4:11** - Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- **1 John 4:12** - No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is perfected in us.
- **2 John 5** – Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.