

Community with “One Another”

‘The Church’, ‘The Bride of Christ’, ‘a royal priesthood’, ‘a holy nation’, ‘a people for God’s own possession’, ‘the body of Christ’ – These are terms used to describe the union of individual believers into a community of believers. Through Christ, we are one! (Jn 17:20-23)

But what are the characteristics of a group of people who are growing in Christian Community? There are many exhortations in the scriptures about how we are to treat one another. If individual believers are the building blocks of the House of the Lord, then these exhortations serve as the mortar. Listed below are some of them. By the power of the Holy Spirit in us, if we do these things with one another, we will experience strong Christian Community and reflect Jesus to one another and the world. In so doing, Jesus will be glorified in the earth.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, **if you have love for one another.**”

Philippians 2:2-5 Make me truly happy by **agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another**, and **working together with one mind and purpose**. **Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.** You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had: *(vs 6-11 describe the attitude Jesus had)*

Romans 12:10 Be **devoted to one another** in brotherly love; **give preference to one another in honor**; (See also the Culture of Honor for Radiant Church)

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.

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

Romans 14:19 Let us pursue the things which make for peace and the **building up of one another**.

Romans 15:7 Therefore, **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**.

1 Corinthians 12:25 so that there may be no division in the body, but *that* the members may have the same **care for one another**.

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**.

Galatians 6:2 **Bear one another's burdens**, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

James 4:11, 5:9 **Do not speak against one another. Do not complain against one another**, that you yourselves may not be judged.

Galatians 5:15 But **if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another**.

1 Peter 5:5 All of you, **clothe yourselves with humility toward one another**, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Ephesians 4:2-3 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, **showing tolerance for one another** in love. Make every effort to **keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace**.

Col 3:12-13 And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; **bearing with one another**, and **forgiving each other**, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Ephs. 4:32 **Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other**, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

1 Thes. 5:11 Therefore **encourage one another** and **build up one another**, just as you also are doing.

1 Thes. 5:15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always **seek after that which is good for one another** and for all people.

Col 3:9 **Do not lie to one another**.

Ephesians 4:25 Everyone, **speak truth to one another**, for we are **members of one another**.

James 5:16 Therefore, **confess your sins to one another**, and **pray for one another** so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

1 Pt. 4:8-10 **Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another**, because love covers a multitude of sins. **Be hospitable to one another without complaint**. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in **serving one another**, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.