

# The One Anothers of the New Testament - Part 1

ROMANS

## STIMULATE

\*\* Our last series entitled "**Redeeming the Time**" was a source of tremendous encouragement as we saw the need to be prepared to share the gospel of Christ with the lost world around us.

Hopefully you have closely examined your own heart to be sure that you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ and are now willing to share His saving truth with all of those individuals which He brings across your path.

## MOTIVATE

\*\* It is my hope that during our study and fellowship together over the next five weeks, we all "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". (2Peter 3:18)

That each one of us understands what it means to be a true believer and that we live a life "above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world." (Philippians 2:15)

To achieve that goal we are starting a five part series which will focus upon "**The One Anothers of the New Testament**".

\*\* Foundational to understanding the wonderful truths that we are going to be learning together is the answer to the following question:

Do I obey the commandments of Christ...

A. - in order to become a Christian and go to Heaven?

B. - because I am already a Christian and my obedience is a loving response to the One who has made me fit for Heaven?

The answer of course is "B", out of loving gratitude for our Savior's redemptive work on Calvary's cross we willingly submit to His lordship and strive to bring Him glory in whatever we do. cf. John 14:15, 21, 23, 15:10, 14, 16.

Alright, let's begin this wonderful adventure through the New Testament by asking the Lord to bless our study and to teach us how God's truly redeemed people treat one another!

Opening Prayer

## INVESTIGATE

\*\* Please turn in your Bibles to Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 12. This epistle is considered to be the best presentation of the gospel in all of Holy Scripture. Men like Martin Luther, John Wesley, John Calvin, William Tyndale and Donald Grey Barnhouse all had their lives and the world around them drastically impacted by this marvelous epistle.

After eleven chapters doctrine, including how men are saved from the damning consequence of their sin, Paul now turns to the very practical living pattern of a truly born again individual.

Romans 12:1-5

**V. 1** \*\* How do you suppose Paul feels about what he is about to say?

It is very important, even urgent..."I urge you"

\*\* What action is Paul urging us to do every day of our lives?

"present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice"

\*\* Is that some bazaar or abnormal pattern for a child of God?

No! "...which is your spiritual service of worship"

**V. 2** \*\* How do the words "No Compromise" fit Paul's commands in verse two?

1. We are not to be found in form or fashion to be like the world (a space of time or age).
2. We are to renew our mind.
3. We are to prove, by our lifestyle, what God's good and acceptable and perfect will is.

All of that will require that we obey His word at all times with "No Compromise" with the world's system around us.

**V. 3** \*\* Please read this verse and give me in one word the attitude required for not compromising God's word in the face of daily temptations.

Humility. Realizing that all that we are is by God's grace, even the measure of faith that He has allotted to us.

**V. 4** \*\* From what analogy in life is Paul borrowing to make his point about how believers interact?

The human body, it has members or parts but they all work together for the benefit of the body, and all share in their importance. All see - 1Corinthians 12:12-25

Now back in Romans 12 -

**V. 5** \*\* What is the overarching principle in the study of "**The One Another of the New Testament**"?

We are..."individually members one of another".

\*\* How does an attitude of humility (V.3) become useful when allowed to blossom in this truth?

The more that I humbly acknowledge the other members of the body of Christ to be part of God's design the more I will be like Jesus Himself.

**V.10** \*\* The first two commands regarding one another come from verse ten and each have a qualifier. What is the first one and how is it qualified?

(1) "Be devoted to one another..." The word "devoted" used only here, is philostorgos from two Greek words.

philos - beloved, dear, friendly  
storge - family affection

and means tenderly loving or devoted.

\*\* And what was the qualifier?

"...in brotherly love." from philadelphos, the word is philadelphia and means "the love of brothers"

\*\* What was the second command"

(2) "give preference to one another" Instead to whom? Instead to yourself!

\*\* How does the qualifier eliminate hypocrisy?

By doing it with honor, it prevents a superficial or showy preference that would then speak evil of the same person when they are not present.

Let's pick up the pace a little as we conclude our list for this today.

**V.16** \*\* What is the next one another command?

(3) "Be of the same mind toward one another" What does that mean? Does it mean that Christians should always agree on what color to paint the church?

No - It means to be impartial, do not show any favoritism and be just like God!  
cf. Romans 2:11

\*\* But isn't that going to require a huge amount of perseverance and encouragement?

Yes- Paul knew that, which is why just three chapters later he wrote Romans 15:5.

For the next command, let's turn to **chapter 14, verse 19**.

**V.19** \*\* What are we to do for one another according to Paul?

(4) Build up one another. Is that passive? We can just lay back and it will happen?

No, we should "pursue" the things which make for peace...

Since we have already noted Romans 15:5, let's see the next command in **chapter 15, verse 7**.

**V. 7** \*\* What are we to do and how are we to do it?

(5) "accept one another" - "just as Christ also accepted [you] us"

\*\* What will be the outcome if we accept one another?

"to the glory of God" God, Himself will be glorified!

**V.14** \*\* If we accept one another, does that mean we have no concern for the lifestyle of a fellow believer?

(6) No, the next command provides the balance. We are to "admonish" one another.

That is to warn or exhort based on what we know to be true in God's word. Notice the two resources at our disposal in this verse.

1. "you yourselves are full of goodness" - morality
2. "filled with all knowledge" - truth from the word of God.

Finally, turn to **chapter 16** and we will see the last command for this today.

**V.16** \*\* What are Christians to do which will outwardly manifest the unity of the body of Christ?

(7) "Greet one another with a holy kiss." cf. 1Corinthians 16:20, 2Corinthians 13:12

This practice developed as new believers in the first century church where ostracized by their families and the body of Christ became closer than family, in fact even replacing family, the need for support and holy affection became very deep.

There was nothing sensual or erotic about this exchange but was merely a genuine show of Godly affection, whether a kiss on the cheek or forehead or even a hug, it would fit what Peter had in mind in 1Peter 5:14.

### **EXTRICATE**

\*\* What did we learn that we are to "present" to God on a daily basis?

"....your bodies a living and holy sacrifice"

\*\* What two word phrase described the level of commitment required?

"No Compromise"

### **DELINEATE**

\*\* After learning that we are members of one another, what were the one another commands for today's part one study?

1. be devoted to one another
2. give preference
3. be of the same mind (no partiality)
4. build up
5. accept one another
6. admonish
7. greet

### **EVALUATE**

\*\* As this series begins, are we willing to commit to the Lord and to each other that we will strive to fulfill "**The One Another's of the New Testament**" in our daily walk with Him?

We should remember Luke 11:28 -

"...blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

### **ACTIVATE**

\*\* We have seen a tremendous amount of instruction from God's word in this study. To best apply these truths, we should attempt this week to pray over all that the Lord has taught us and strive to respond to every situation in accordance with what we know to be true.

#### Devotional Prayer

Father, help me to live in such a manner that everyone who You bring across my path will be blessed by my Christ like heart because I am living out "**The One Another of the New Testament**". Enable me to obey with "no compromise" the commands of Your word so that Jesus Christ may be praised.

#### Closing Prayer