

The Communion of Saints

Delighting in God Together in 2025

6- Loving One Another *Fervently* Because of the New Birth

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1Peter 1:22-25

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23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

*To the Glory of God the Father; God the Son;
and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

One of the interesting things about this Life is that there is usually a “Cause” that *creates* something and then there is a “Result” that springs forth from that Cause. In other words, things don’t just spring up out of the Ground on their own. They have a Cause- that *creates* them. And almost everything in this Life works like that- even spiritual things. For example, let’s look at what God spoke to the Prophet about the New Covenant in **Ezekiel 36: 24-27:**

24 “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

25 “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Now please look again at verse 27:

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Now this is God speaking to Ezekiel- using Old Testament Language- about the New Covenant and *specifically* about His own Sovereignty in the Miracle of the New Birth. And the Lord said here that He will sovereignly “CAUSE” His people to walk in His Statutes.

So, just how does God *cause* us to walk in His Statutes? By sovereignly and radically *transforming* our Nature in the New Birth. You see, the New Birth is a sovereign Act of God to undeserving Sinners. And it is “Sovereign” in that God MUST change us- *all by Himself*. So, the New Birth is when God gives spiritually “Dead” people- new, spiritual Life. And He opens our eyes; unstops our ears; and takes out of us a stony hard heart and replaces it with a heart that is both *willing* and *able* to believe and to love God and to obey.

But by Definition, God has to do all of this- SOVEREIGNLY- or ALL BY HIMSELF- because we are both Unable and Unwilling in the spiritual Deadness of our Souls. So, at the Point when God comes inside of our Bodies and performs all those Miracles- we are stone cold Dead- spiritually speaking. And so, we CANNOT *ask* for this New Birth; we CANNOT *initiate* it in any way. We CANNOT *cooperate* in it; and we CANNOT even *want* it because we have NO spiritual Life in us- at all.

So, God sovereignly CAUSES us to be born again. And that is exactly what the Apostle said in **1Peter 1:3**:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

... yet that is NOT all that God has sovereignly Caused:

Job 37:9-13

9 “Out of the south comes the storm, And out of the north the cold.

10 “From the breath of God ice is made, And the expanse of the waters is frozen.

11 “Also with moisture He loads the thick cloud; He disperses the cloud of His lightning.

12 “It changes direction, turning around by His guidance, That it may do whatever He commands it On the face of the inhabited earth.

13 “Whether for correction, or for His world, Or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.

Psalm 104:10-15

10 He sends forth springs in the valleys; They flow between the mountains;

11 They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; They lift up their voices among the branches.

13 He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.

14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the labor of man, So that he may bring forth food from the earth,

15 And wine which makes man's heart glad, So that he may make his face glisten with oil, And food which sustains man's heart.

Psalm 135:5-7

5 For I know that the Lord is great And that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

7 He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; Who makes lightnings for the rain, Who brings forth the wind from His treasuries.

Psalm 147:11-18

11 The Lord favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you.

14 He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sends forth His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.

16 He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes.

17 He casts forth His ice as fragments; Who can stand before His cold?

18 He sends forth His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.

Isaiah 61:11

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.

Jeremiah 10:13

When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, And He causes the clouds to ascend from the end of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain, And brings out the wind from His storehouses.

Lamentations 3:29b

... if He causes grief, Then He will have compassion According to His abundant lovingkindness.

Matthew 5:43-45

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'

**44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

1Corinthians 3:7

So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

... and in the New Birth- God will sovereignly “cause you to walk in My statutes!”

But what is the “Result” of God CAUSING us to walk in His Statutes after we have been born again? God told the Prophet,

... and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. (Ezekiel 36:27b)

Now the Hebrew word here for “**careful**” in the phrase, “**you will be careful to observe My Ordinances**” (*asah*; Strong’s # 6213) has to do with: “*something that is made; accomplished; or completed.*” And it contains the idea of “Desire”; “Will”; and “Love”.

So, the Result of God sovereignly CAUSING us to walk in His Statutes through the Miracle of the New Birth- is that we will then DESIRE or WANT to observe God’s Ordinances (Commandments). We will voluntarily CHOOSE to

obey God's Commands; and we will Enjoy; we will Delight ourselves; we will LOVE to obey God!

But this DESIRE; this WILLINGNESS To CHOOSE; and this ENJOYMENT in our Obedience- did NOT just pop out of the Ground. And we also did NOT work this up- using our own Will-power; or Discipline or human Initiative.

No, our Desire to obey God- flows out from our Love for God. And this Love for God is NOT something that was already present inside of us- it was a Gift from God. Please look at **1John 4:19** that says:

We love, because He first loved us.

Now this verse is very short and simple. But it is also very deep and profound. Because this verse declares that our Love FOR God is a Gift FROM God. And that means that we did NOT already have this kind of Love for God present inside of us- before God caused us to be born again.

So, part and parcel of the New Birth- is this Gift of Love that God gives us for Himself. So, we do NOT initiate this Love for God- we are graciously given this Gift by God Himself.

So, God WANTS us to love Him. But because we are already "Fallen" we CAN'T love God. No lost person loves God. But WHY does God want us to love Him? So, we will obey Him- with a Delight and with a Joy- that flows out from this Love. And what is the Fruit or the Result of our Obedience? Righteousness! And that is how the Prophecy of **Isaiah 61:11** will be fulfilled:

... as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.

So, Righteousness comes from Obedience. But there are at least three different kinds of Obedience's. There is "*fearful Obedience*" where people obey God because they are afraid of what will happen to them if they don't obey. And then there is "*dutiful or obligatory Obedience*"- where people obey God because it is the "*Right thing to do*" or because "*they're supposed to*". And both of these two kinds of Obedience's are the Result of "humanly engineered Will-power". We "put forth Effort" to obey. And with both of these- we struggle to obey- even if we don't *want* to and even if we don't *enjoy* it.

Now look, both "*fearful Obedience*" as well as "*dutiful Obedience*" is better than "Disobedience" and "Rebellion"- true. But I would suggest that neither one of these kinds of Obedience's give God the Glory He deserves. The ONLY kind of Obedience that gladdens God's Heart and brings Him the MOST Glory- is an

Obedience that flows out from “Love” and genuine “Enjoyment” and “Delight”. One Thousand years before Jesus was born- God the Holy Spirit “moved” on King David to prophesy about the Messiah. And in that Prophecy- David quoted the Messiah as telling God the Father,

I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart. (Psalm 40:1)

... so, Jesus did NOT merely obey His Father. And Jesus also did NOT obey God simply because it was the “Right thing to do” or because He was afraid of what might happen to Him if He did not obey. No, Jesus obeyed His Father- *gladly!* He *delighted* in obeying God! He *enjoyed* obeying God. In other words, NOTHING made Jesus happier than obeying His Father! And that is the kind of Obedience that flows out from EVERYONE who has experienced the Miracle of the New Birth!

So, in the New Birth- God graces us with a special kind of Love whose Focus is on God and God ALONE being glorified. And this Desire; this Enjoyment; and this Delight we experience from this Love when God alone is glorified- is what *fuels* and *empowers* our Obedience.

But even though we cannot *create* or *initiate* this kind of Love; and even though this kind of Love is NOT already *in* us and must be given *to* us in the Miracle of the New Birth- we CAN *feed* this Love and we CAN *strengthen* this Love. And we SHOULD. And we do that- in, by, and through the Word of God.

So, as we feed on God’s Word- three things will happen to us- as it pertains to this Gift of Love that God has given to us for Himself:

1. Our Respect (Fear) of God will grow
2. Our Admiration for God will grow
3. Our Awe of God will grow

... and those three Attributes: Respect; Admiration; and Awe of God flow out from the Time we spend in the Scriptures. In other words, the Knowledge of the Bible should NEVER cause us to be Proud and Arrogant and Self-righteous. The Goal of Bible Knowledge is that we would “*Wonder after God*”. That we would be “*Amazed at God*”. And that we would “*Delight ourselves in the Lord*”.

And those are the three Attributes that *empower* and *facilitate* and *strengthen* this Gift of Love that God gave us for Himself- so that this Gift of Love for God grows and becomes dominant in our Lives.

And then NOTHING will make us happier than obeying God. And God will be glorified the BEST and the MOST through our Happy and Joyful and Glad Obedience!

So, as I have taught you- for every Result or Action- there is a Cause. And so, “*Glad Obedience*” does NOT simply happen on its own. Our Ability to obey God with Joy- as opposed to Duty; Obligation; or Fear- is the Result of two other Causes:

1. God sovereignly giving us this Gift of Love for Himself
2. Us feeding and strengthening this Gift of Love by us feeding on God’s Word

... and by us feeding on God’s Word constantly and consistently- our “Respect for God”; our “Admiration of God”; and our “Awe of God”- grows. And those three Attributes are what empowers and strengthens this Gift of Love for God.

But there is one other Result of all of this. When we engage with God like this- in addition to loving God and in addition to obeying God with Joy- we also grow in our Love for all the other people- who are also growing in their Love and Enjoyment of God. In other words, by receiving all of this and by doing all of this- we will grow in our Love with all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. And THAT is what the Apostle Peter was focused on in the Passage that our Brother read to us.

So, with all of this in mind- let’s look again at **1Peter 1:22&23**:

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

Now the English word, “**for**” in verse 23 means: “*Because*”. And so, verse 23 tells us the Reason *behind* the Action as well as the Goal *of* that Action. So, with that in mind- we should see verses 22&23 as saying,

Because you had *already* been born again- not of Seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring Word of God- you responded to the Miracle of the New Birth by purifying your souls (in Obedience to the Truth) so, you could sincerely love the Brethren. And now- because your souls have been and are ongoingly being purified- you should love one another- fervently- from the Heart!

So, “*loving one another fervently*” is the *unmistakable* Proof (Fruit) of two things:

1. You have *already* experienced the Miracle of the New Birth
2. You *responded* to being born again by *purifying* your soul- so you could love the Brethren- *sincerely, fervently, and from the Heart*

... and that tells us four things:

1. Receiving new, spiritual Life (the New Birth)- sovereignly from God- MUST come FIRST
2. The “Means” by which we are born again- is the Word of God
3. The Response that people have to being born again- is an Effort to purify their Souls
4. The FRUIT of “purifying the Soul” is to be both Able and Willing to love one another- Fervently; Sincerely; and “from the Heart”

... so, let’s quickly examine these things:

1. Receiving new, spiritual Life (the New Birth)- sovereignly from God- MUST come FIRST

1Peter 1:23b

... you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable...

The Bible is crystal clear about the Fact that we are “Sinners” at the very Moment we are conceived in our Mother’s womb. At the “spark of Life”- human beings are *imputed* with the very SAME sinful and rebellious Nature that Adam has after the Fall. And because we are already Fallen and Sinful- we don’t have to do anything else to deserve God’s Wrath on us. So, we are NOT “Sinners” because we commit Sin. We commit Sin because we are already “Sinners” at the Moment of Conception. And so- *spiritually speaking*- we are “DEAD” in our Sins and Trespasses.

And because that is true- three other things are also true:

1. There is NO “Innocence” in babies
2. There is NO “Age of Accountability”
3. We MUST be born again

Now over the years, people have confused being “born again” with being “saved” as though they are the same thing. They are NOT. And others have

confused being “Justified” and being “Adopted” with being “saved” as though they are the same thing. They are NOT. Each of these wonderful Truths are entirely SEPARATE EVENTS in the over-all Reality of Salvation. And I have a very in depth Teaching on all of this called, the “*Ordo Salutis*” (Order of Salvation) that I assume is on the Church website- that you may want to get and read.

But as far as we are concerned- NOTHING happens in Salvation until each one of us personally experiences the Miracle of the New Birth. And the New Birth is when God sovereignly (all by Himself- without ANY cooperation from us)- gives us new, spiritual Life. And this new, spiritual Life opens our blind eyes to the Beauty and Glory of God. It unstops our deaf ears so we can hear the Sound of Amazing Grace. And the new Birth takes our stony hard heart out of us and gives us a soft heart of Flesh that is able and willing to be convicted of Sin; able and willing to repent; and able and willing to Believe.

So, the FIRST thing that MUST happen to us- is that we MUST be “born again”. And this New Birth MUST be a sovereign Act of God alone- because in our spiritually Dead condition- we CANNOT *initiate* this Event; we CANNOT pray for it; and we CANNOT even *want* it. So, God MUST move on us- *sovereignly* (All by Himself- without any cooperation from us) or we are doomed. So, until we are born again- NOBODY can be convicted; NOBODY can repent; NOBODY can trust in Jesus; and NOBODY can be saved. And that is why Jesus Himself said,

... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3b)

... and ...

Do not be amazed that I said to you, You must be born again. (John 3:7)

2. The “Means” by which we are born again- is the Word of God

1Peter 1:23c

... you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

So, the “Seed” that is “Imperishable” is the “**living and enduring Word of God**”. And that means that the “Way” or the “Means” by which the New Birth comes to lost Sinners- is by this imperishable Seed (God’s Word) being “heralded” or “proclaimed” (preached and taught- *authoritatively*).

But the Point I was trying to make earlier is that the Bible MUST be heralded- CORRECTLY and RIGHTLY and FULLY- in its correct Context- or people will *still* get the wrong Message. So, YES! We MUST preach the Bible. But we must preach the Bible as it is written and NOT in the Way we WANT it to be written or the Way we WANT it to say or sound like.

We must understand that God is very proud of the Bible. He loves His own Word. And that is so- *primarily*- because the 66 Books of the Holy Bible are the “Product” of God the Holy Spirit and He is the “Author” of each one. And that means that God the Holy Spirit is *consistent* in the Way He deals with people. And the Way we should understand that Reality- is that NOBODY is “led by the Spirit” to *violate; ignore; change; minimize; contradict; or obfuscate* the Product of the Spirit – which is the Word of God!

So, unsaved people hear the Word of God *heralded* to them. And God the Holy Spirit takes the spoken Word of God and creates new, spiritual Life in otherwise spiritually dead people. And part of what happens in the Miracle of the New Birth is that our eyes that have been “blind” or “veiled” to the Beauty; and the Glory; and the Wisdom; and the Importance; and the Value of God- are opened! And we then “wonder after God”. We behold the Glory of God in the Face (Person) of Jesus Christ- and we *love* what we see.

So, by being given new, spiritual Life- we see God in His Glory and we begin to develop Respect; Admiration; and Awe for the God we now see. And from those three Attributes (Respect; Admiration; and Awe) flows out a deep and profound Love for God. A love that is focused on God and NOT merely on what God does for us. So, we begin to love God- deeply and profoundly. And from that deep and profound Love comes the Desire and Power to obey the God we love.

So, the sovereign “Giving” of new, spiritual Life in the New Birth- opens our eyes to the Glory of God. And beholding the Glory of God in Jesus- brings forth a godly and a reverential Respect (Fear) for God as well as a powerful Admiration of God and causes us to be in awe of God. And those three things bring forth a deep and profound Love for God; and this Gift of Love produces joyful and humble Obedience!

3. The Response that people have to being born again- is an ongoing Effort to purify their Souls

1Peter 1:22a

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls ...

Engaging in an ongoing Effort to “purify our Souls” is nothing more nor less than the normal and natural *Response* that ALL genuine Believers should have- after they experience the Miracle of the New Birth. So, “*Following Jesus*”; “*Obedying the Truth*”; “*Loving Jesus*”; “*Walking with God*”; “*Bearing godly Fruit*”; and “*Purifying our Souls*” is simply different Ways of phrasing the SAME THING.

Now some would ask, “*Brother Blair, why do I need to ongoingly purify my soul if Jesus has already washed my Sins away and ‘saved me forever’ (Hebrews 7:25)*”? And the Answer is, “‘**Purifying your soul**’ on an ongoing (daily) Basis (or using any of those other terms) is simply ‘*putting into Practice*’ the Reality of what Jesus has already done for you.” It is what “**working out your salvation with fear and trembling**” (Philippians 2:12b) looks like.

My Friends, we must realize that Obedience to God is NOT “Optional”. Obedience to God is MANDATORY! Jesus Himself said this in **John 14:15**:

If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments

And so, Salvation is NOT what *alleviates* you from obeying the Bible. Rather, Salvation is what *frees* you and *empowers* you TO obey! And so, one of the FIRST things that EVERY genuinely born- again soul should do- is to develop some Method; some Way; some daily Discipline of putting the Truth of Salvation to work in their Lives toward Obedience to God by purifying their Souls.

But why? If God already loves me; and if God has already saved me- why do I need to struggle to obey? Because the New Birth has given us the “Gift of Love” for God. So, while NO lost person loves God- EVERY genuinely born- again soul- loves God. But the ONLY Way to *prove; manifest; display; or show* our Love *for* God is through our Obedience *to* God. Talk is cheap- and anyone can *say* they love God. But because we love God- we desire to glorify God and make Jesus look irresistible. And the very BEST Way to do that- is by obeying God- with Joy!

4. The FRUIT of “purifying the Soul” is to be both Able and Willing to love one another- Fervently; Sincerely; and “from the Heart”

1Peter 1:22b

... for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart

So, the Proof of the inward Work of God the Spirit in our Lives is in us loving each other- FERVENTLY- from the Heart.

But now please look again at what the Apostle Peter said next:

1Peter 1:24&25

**24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,
25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.**

Now the phrase that Peter quotes here came from the "*Burden*" of the Old Testament Prophet, who wrote this in **Isaiah 40:6-8**- about 700 years *before* Jesus was born. And even though we should understand that this Quote is true and reliable- the Question I have is:

Why in the world did the Apostle Peter use this Quote here in a Teaching about loving one another fervently because we have already experienced the Miracle of the New Birth?

What does the Prophecy of Isaiah- about the Distinction between the Glory of Man versus the Glory of God through His Word- have to do with the Issue of New Covenant Believers loving one another? This is a perfect Example of what I have been teaching you about getting the correct Context of a Bible verse or Passage- so we can arrive at the one, single correct Meaning of what the biblical writer meant when he was "moved" by God the Holy Spirit to write what he wrote.

The Word of God that Peter was talking about is the Gospel that has been preached to them- the "Good News" that is about the Ransom of the Blood of Jesus (vv. 18–19) and His Resurrection (vv. 3, 21), and the "keeping Power" of God (v. 5), as well as the incorruptible Inheritance of God.

All this "Good News" was preached to them. And the Point of verses 24&25 is that it is not like grass and flowers: it doesn't wither and fall; it abides forever! So, if this Word is your L- you live forever! So, the Focus of Peter here is unquenchable Hope.

And this is the Pillar holding up the Lamp of Love in the Church- fervently love one another from the heart- BECAUSE- you have already been born again by a seed, a Word, that is imperishable, that is living and abiding, and that is not like grass but abides forever!

But why make such a big deal out of the Word's Permanence? The Point is that when you are born by someone's Seed, you take on the Character or Nature of that Seed. So, the Seed constitutes your Nature. And what Peter wants us to see is that the Seed that created us, that caused us to be born again, was the Word of God

that is imperishable, living, abiding, and lasting forever! And THAT is WHO we now are! We are forever! And what is it to believe this? It is Hope!

Which means that the Pillar which holds up the Lamp of Love is the Word-created, born-again Heart of HOPE. A Hope that is set free from all the grass and flowers of the world. One thing that keeps us from loving is the Fear that if we pay the Price of Love, we will lose out on all the bright and shiny things that Life in this World is supposed to offer us. "All its Glory like the flower of grass" (v. 24). BUT:

- If we endure Wrongs meekly;
- if we renounce Boasting and calling attention to Ourselves;
- if we spend Time and Energy supplying the Needs of others without fretting over our own;
- if we risk making necessary Reproofs that are almost surely to be interpreted as something other than Love;
- if we receive Reproofs without Animosity and Defensiveness;
- if we cover a Multitude of Sins and put away our List of Grievances;
- if we rejoice when others prosper while we don't;
- if we bless those who curse us and do Good to those who despise us . . .

... if we "love each other earnestly from the heart," it will be Costly and the Price will be that we lose some of the cherished Glory of the grass and flowers that people in this World live for.

The Power to overcome this Fear is the Power of HOPE- that the Glory of this World is passing away; and we who are born again through the Word of God, and who Hope in the Word of God, will endure forever!

Okay. God dealt with my Heart to begin the new Year of 2025 with this Series of Sermons. And so, He desires that we go into this New Year- loving God and loving each other- FERVENTLY! So, if we DO individually and personally experience the Miracle of the New Birth; and if through that new Birth- God DOES give us the "Gift of Love" for Himself; and if we DO respond to that "Gift of Love" by developing a Way to "purify our Souls" on an ongoing Basis- what would that look like in our Lives- as it relates to our Relationship with our Brothers and Sisters?

In other words, what are the Signs; the Fruit; the unmistakable Proof that all of these amazing and wonderful things are, in fact, true in our Lives? All of this "One-Another" verses and Passages will come to pass in our individual Lives and in this Church this year and- hopefully- from now on. And in the next several pages- I have listed all of them. So, I plead with you to read these

verses and Passages and then judge whether you see them come to pass in your own Life this year.

Amen. Let's pray.

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The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. Be watchful and quicken your Pace. Soli Deo Gloria. For the Glory of God alone.

The "One Another" Verses and Passages in the Bible:

Leviticus 19:11

You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.

Leviticus 25:17

So you shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

Ezekiel 33:30

But as for you, son of man, your fellow citizens who talk about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak to one another, each to his brother, saying, 'Come now and hear what the message is which comes forth from the Lord.'

Zechariah 7:9&10

**9 "Thus has the Lord of hosts said, 'Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother;
10 and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.'**

Zechariah 8:16&17

16 'These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates.

17 'Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these are what I hate,' declares the Lord."

Mark 9:50

Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

John 13:34&35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 By this all men 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 12:10-21

10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

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.

17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 13:8

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

Romans 14:13

Therefore 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

So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

Romans 15:5-7

5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,

6 so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Romans 16:16a

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

1Corinthians 11:33

So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

1Corinthians 12:24b&25

24 ... God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked,

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

Galatians 5:13-19

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.

14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

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

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, imp

Ephesians 4:1-3

1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

Ephesians 4:32

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

Ephesians 5:18b-21

18 ... do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Philippians 2:3&4

3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Colossians 3:9&10

9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,

10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

Colossians 3:12-16

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

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

1Thessalonians 3:12&13

12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you;

13 so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

1Thessalonians 4:18

Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

1Thessalonians 5:13

Live in peace with one another.

1Thessalonians 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.

Hebrews 3:12&13

12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 10:23-25

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

James 4:11

Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it.

James 5:9

Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

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.

1Peter 4:8-10

8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1John 1:7

but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1John 3:11

For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

1John 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.

1John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1John 4:11&12

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

2John 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.

