

Love One Another-Church: Part-2

(adapted from a Chris Fetters message)

To practice God's "one anothers," you need to connect with other Christ-followers = church.

Jesus commands us to love one another

- In **John 13:34**, Jesus commands us to love one another. He said it was a "new" commandment. What was new about it?
 - It was the type of love that He demonstrated = **sacrificial**. True love is sacrificial, best illustrated by Christ's giving His life for us.
 - It was **supernatural** love empowered by the Holy Spirit. You can't do it on your own.
- What would it look like for you to love someone sacrificially?

Loving one another helps us become more like Jesus

- Read **Rom 15:4-7**. Think about how well you do the following:
 - be patient = slow down, give grace, forgive
 - comfort others = encouragement
 - be like-minded (*unified*) toward other Christ-followers
 - receive (*accept*) others as Christ received you (*all believers both strong and weak*)
- Read **Rom 15:14**. Think about how well you do the following:
 - be kind and thoughtful to others; taking the initiative to help others
 - filled with knowledge = sound doctrine; being in God's Word regularly
 - able to admonish = teach, warn, encourage; able = Spirit-filled power that enables you to admonish others
- Read **Rom 12:10**. Think about how often you sacrifice your wants to help others with their needs.

Loving one another makes us fruitful for God

- Read **2Pet 1:5-8**. Think about how loving others grows you in: faith + virtue + knowledge + self-control + perseverance + godliness + brotherly kindness + love .
- If those things abound in you, you will be fruitful in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. You will serve Him with joy.

Self-Assessment Exercise: Loving Others

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true ←→completely true
I ask God to help me love others sacrificially.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I ask God to help me be kind, patient, and forgiving.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I ask God to show me how to encourage myself and others to stay true to His Word.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I ask God to continue to refine me and use me to serve Him well.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

Based on this self-assessment, ask God where He wants you to make some changes.

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