

*Wyoming Baptist Church
February – April 2021*

**Daily Devotional
for Sermon Series**



a study of the “one anothers” of Scripture

Week 3 : March 1-7

Following series of daily readings, questions, and prayers designed by Pastor Tom Cullen to lead up to the coming week. There are five daily studies for the week. Allow about 15 minutes a day to complete each devotional. This is not to take the place of any devotional you are now doing but only is a supplement.

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February and March Sermon Schedule *Members of one another*

February 21 - Members of one another Part 1
(1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

February 28 - Members of one another Part 2
(Romans 12:1-16)

March 7 - Love one another Part 1. (1 John 4:7-21)

March 14 - Love one another Part 2 (1 John 4:7-21)

March 21 - Forgive one another (Proverbs 25:21-22)

March 28 - Serve one another (John 13:1-17)

April 4 - Easter Sunday - What difference does the resurrection make? (1 Corinthians 15:12-22)

April 11 - Pray for one another (James 5:16)

April 18 - Be united with one another (Ephesians 4:1-16)

April 25 - Encourage one another (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Wyoming Baptist Church Winter 2021

Sermon Series Devotional Guide

Members of one another

a study of the "one anothers"

As we move into week 3 we begin to study one of the "one another" statements in Scripture. The two words we translate as "one another" is one word in Greek, *ahlayloan*. It's used 100 times in 94 verses throughout the New Testament but especially in Paul's letters.

He uses it primarily to speak of the church and our relation to one another. So, as an example, we are exhorted to,

- * "Accept one another, the, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." (Romans 15:7);
- * "Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 12:10);
- * "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love." (Romans 12:10)
- * "... serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13);
- * "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2);
- * "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

We won't have time to study all these in the time we have, but one thing becomes clear, even with a brief overview, and that is God's call to love one another. All these expressions of "one another" are a means of demonstrating love to one another.

So this week, we come to our Lord's command to love one another. May God speak to our hearts as we study together.

Read

- ❖ John 13:34
- ❖ Jesus is speaking to his disciples here. He knows that the “time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.” (13:1) As a result he withdrew to meet with his disciples.

Study

1. When you hear the word commandment what do you immediately think of?

2. Why was the Law, the old commandment, given? (See Galatians 3:24)

3. Why would we need a new commandment? (see Galatians 3:11)

4. In loving one another whose example are we to follow?

5. What are you doing to “love as Christ loved” in your daily routine?
Check yourself
____ I am willing to serve others when I’m not given public recognition.

- _____ I am actually looking for opportunities to serve
- _____ I want what I want now, rather than making sure others' needs are met first.
- _____ I am reaching out to establish friendships with non Christians
- _____ I want to be the center of attention rather than giving others attention

Reflect

What is God saying to you through your meditation on this verse?

Pray

Thank God for his blessings. Begin listing the blessings that are yours. Remember the "small" blessings as well as the "large".

For our church:

- ❖ Call to mind someone who has loved you as Christ loved. What difference did that make in your life? Thank God for that person.
- ❖ Make a list of the prominent characteristics of love that Christ had according to Philippians 2:1-11. Are these characteristics being replicated in your life? Is there one or two that you would ask God to bring to fruit in your life?

Ask God, is there someone in our church to whom He is calling you to demonstrate the reality of Christ? Pray for that person and opportunity for you to share.

Tuesday March 2

Read

❖ 1 John 4:19-21

Study

1. What is the source of our love for one another?

2. According to the following passages how did Christ love you and me? (Ephesians 5:2; Ephesians 5:25; 1 John 3:16)

3. How would you rate yourself in loving your “brother or sister whom you have seen.”?

4. In what way do you think you need to improve in your love for your “brother or sister”?

Pray

❖ Thank God for his love in your life. It is by his grace that he has opened your eyes to the reality of his love for you.

For our church:

❖ Pray for our fellowship team. Give thanks for Deacon Mariann and her leadership in this important ministry. Pray that this ministry of caring will be practiced by us all as a church.

- ❖ Give thanks for the Call and Care Ministry. Pray that each person in our church would know that God cares for them and loves them as we offer care. Give thanks for those who are faithfully calling and demonstrating God's care.

Wednesday March 3

Reading

- ❖ 1 John 4:7-12

Study

1. What arguments are used in verses 7 and 8 to show that Christians must love one another?

2. Verses 9 and 10 speak of how God's love is demonstrated in Jesus Christ. What does he say is the purpose of this?

3. What does verse 11 say is the motivation for our love for one another? Do you think this would change your love toward those who are most difficult to love in the church? How?

Pray

For our church:

- ❖ Pray for our pastoral search team. Proverbs 3:5,6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him; and he will make your paths straight.” Pray this verse for the pastoral search team.

Thursday March 4

Reading

- ❖ John 15:12-13

Study

1. What is our Lord calling us to do for one another?

2. Not many of us will be called to actually die for others. But what about now? What are you doing to “love as Christ loved” in the daily routine of life?

3. When do you find it hardest to love another in the church?

4. What are you willing to do for those you have listed in question 3 to say, “I love you.”?

Pray

For our church:

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3. What traits are found in you? Which ones do you find the hardest to manifest? Why?

Pray

- ❖ Pray that God would intervene in our world during this pandemic. Ask him to manifest this love to the world that people may know that Jesus Christ is real.

For our church:

- ❖ Pray for our worship. Ask God to be glorified in it. May he put to death everything that seeks to glorify self in our worship and promote all that seeks to make the name of Jesus known.
- ❖ Pray that the love of God would grow in our church, and our love for one another.

Additional Notes
