

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.

Monday March 1

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.