



Examining the One Another Passages

**Q1 2020 Adult Class
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Introduction and Foundations



The Christian's relationship to God and fellow disciples is described as:

- Branches in the vine- John 15:5
- Living stones in a spiritual house- I Peter 2:5
- Brothers and sisters in the family- Galatians 6:10
- Citizens in the kingdom- Ephesians 2:19
- Members of the body of Christ, the church- I Cor. 12:12-26
- Chosen people, royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God- I Peter 2:9

What do all of these references have in common?

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The Body in Romans 12

Rom 12:4-8

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and *individually members one of another*. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

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What do you learn about the body of Christ from this passage?

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Members of One Another

Eph 4:24-25

24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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

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What do you learn about being members of one another here?

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The Body in I Corinthians 12

1 Cor 12:12-14

12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 *For the body is not one member, but many.*

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What do you learn about the body of Christ here?

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The Body in I Corinthians 12

1 Cor 12:15-21

15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, *just as He desired*. 19 If they were all one member, where would the body be? 20 *But now there are many members, but one body.*

What do you learn about the individual members of the body in this passage?

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Fast Facts about the “One Another” Passages:

- Comes from the Greek work “allelon” for “one another, mutual, together”.
- Found in total over 100 times in 94 New Testament verses.
- Total of about 59 specific commands pertaining to how to interact with one another:
 - 33% +/- of those commands deal with loving one another
 - 33% +/- deal with unity among believers
 - 15% +/- deal with humility and attitude of heart
- All together, the 59 “One Anothers” can be grouped into about 18-20 specific categories of actions that are commanded.

What does this strong emphasis in the NT appear to indicate?

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1. God is the source of the One Another Passages

1 John 4:7

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

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1 John 4:16

16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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1 John 4:19

19 We love, because He first loved us.

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2. God has two channels of distribution for His love-
Himself and Others.

John 1:14-15

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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1 John 4:11-12

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

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How did God use His Son to reflect His love?
How about the saints today?

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Applications of Being Members of the Body Together:

1. All Christians must obey the “One Another” Commands.

Phil 2:3-4

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

4 Let *each of you* look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

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What is the obligation of each able member?

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Applications of Being Members of the Body:

1. All Christians must obey the “One Another” commands.

2 Thess 1:3

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of *every one of you all abounds toward each other,*
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Who is responsible for the work of loving one another?

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Applications of Being Members of the Body:

2. All Christians are expected to obey all of the “One Others”

2 Cor 2:9

9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are *obedient in all things*.

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Titus 3:1

3 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for *every good work*,

What do we learn about which “One Others” are necessary to obey?

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Applications of Being Members of the Body:

3. We are expected to obey the “One Another” commands with all fellow Christians.

James 2:1-4

2 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

What does this passage tell us about whom to exercise these commands to?

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The Local Church, a Place to Grow and Belong

Eph 4:15-16

15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what *every* joint supplies, according to the proper working of *each individual part*, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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How does the whole body grow?

What is emphasized in this passage?

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Summary of the “One Another” Passages

1. “...Be at peace with each other.” (Mark 9:50)
2. “...Wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14)
3. “...Love one another...” (John 13:34)
4. “...Love one another...” (John 13:34)
5. “...Love one another...” (John 13:35)
6. “...Love one another...” (John 15:12)
7. “...Love one another” (John 15:17)
8. “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love...” (Romans 12:10)
9. “...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
10. “Live in harmony with one another...” (Romans 12:16)
11. “...Love one another...” (Romans 13:8)
12. “...Stop passing judgment on one another.” (Romans 14:13)
13. “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you...” (Rom. 15:7)
14. “...Instruct one another.” (Romans 15:14)
15. “Greet one another with a holy kiss...” (Romans 16:16)

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16. “...When you come together to eat, wait for each other.” (I Cor. 11:33)
17. “...Have equal concern for each other.” (I Corinthians 12:25)
18. “...Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (I Corinthians 16:20)
19. “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (II Corinthians 13:12)
20. “...Serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13)
21. “If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other.” (Gal. 5:15)
22. “Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” (Gal. 5:26)
23. “Carry each other’s burdens...” (Galatians 6:2)
24. “...Be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)
25. “Be kind and compassionate to one another...” (Ephesians 4:32)
26. “...Forgiving each other...” (Ephesians 4:32)
27. “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” (Eph. 5:19)
28. “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21)
29. “...In humility consider others better than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

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30. “Do not lie to each other...” (Colossians 3:9)
31. “Bear with each other...” (Colossians 3:13)
32. “...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.” (Col. 3:13)
33. “Teach...[one another]” (Colossians 3:16)
34. “...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
35. “...Make your love increase and overflow for each other.” (I Thess. 3:12)
36. “...Love each other.” (I Thessalonians 4:9)
37. “...Encourage each other...” (I Thessalonians 4:18)
38. “...Encourage each other...” I Thessalonians 5:11)
39. “...Build each other up...” (I Thessalonians 5:11)
40. “Encourage one another daily...” Hebrews 3:13)
41. “...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)
42. “...Encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:25)
43. “...Do not slander one another.” (James 4:11)
44. “Don’t grumble against each other...” (James 5:9)

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45. “Confess your sins to each other...” (James 5:16)
46. “...Pray for each other.” (James 5:16)
47. “...Love one another deeply, from the heart.” (I Peter 3:8)
48. “...Live in harmony with one another...” (I Peter 3:8)
49. “...Love each other deeply...” (I Peter 4:8)
50. “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” (I Peter 4:9)
51. “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...”
(I Pet. 4:10)
52. “...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another...”(I Peter 5:5)
53. “Greet one another with a kiss of love.” (I Peter 5:14)
54. “...Love one another.” (I John 3:11)
55. “...Love one another.” (I John 3:23)
56. “...Love one another.” (I John 4:7)
57. “...Love one another.” (I John 4:11)
58. “...Love one another.” (I John 4:12)
59. “...Love one another.” (II John 5)

The One Another Passages



Objectives for this Class:

1. To understand the importance of Christian fellowship in the building up of the body of Christ.
2. To identify specific actions commanded by our Lord pertaining to the Christian's relationship with their fellow Christians.
3. To apply, on a practical level, God's principles and commands pertaining to the Christian's relationship with their fellow Christians.
4. To grow closer to God and to our fellow Christians through study, prayer, action and dedicated commitment.

Course Schedule



Topic	Week	Date
Introduction, Objectives and Foundations	1	1/5/2020
Love One Another	2	1/12/2020
Preferring One Another	3	1/19/2020
Be of the Same Mind with One Another	4	1/26/2020
Serve and Submit to One Another	5	2/2/2020
Admonish One Another	6	2/9/2020
Greet One Another	7	2/16/2020
Bearing with One Another	8	2/23/2020
Forgive One Another	9	3/1/2020
Carry One Another's Burdens	10	3/8/2020
Be at Peace with One Another	11	3/15/2020
Encourage One Another	12	3/22/2020
Wrap-up and Summary	13	3/29/2020

Questions for Thought and Discussion



1. Is being of “One Heart and Soul” in the local church possible in today’s modern society?
2. What challenges does our relative wealth and prosperity in this country pose to becoming of “One Heart and Soul”?
3. Does the fact that we are all different minimize the responsibility that we have to each other?
4. How does the local church grow according to Eph. 4:15-16? Is each individual who is able needed for the type of growth that Paul is referring to?
5. How is it that the local church is to be “shelter in the storms of life”?