



Examining the One Another Passages

**Q1 2020 Adult Class
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The One Another Passages



Review from Last Week: Greet One Another

1. How do we meet and greet visitors to our assembly? i.e. what do you say to them?
2. What are some practical steps to undertake the exhortation (command) to greet one another in the local church?
3. How will our greeting of one another be a testimony to “all men” that we belong to Christ and His disciples?

Bearing with One Another



Introduction

Eph 4:1-2

4 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, *bearing with one another in love*
NKJV and NIV

Eph 4:2

showing tolerance for one another in love,
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Eph 4:2

forbearing one another in love;
ASV

What does it mean to bear with one another in love? Does this include a brother or sister living in sin?

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To Bear with Requires Effort

Eph 4:3-6

3 *being diligent* to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

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From this passage, why is diligence (effort) necessary to preserve the unity in the bond of peace?

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To Bear with Requires Patience

Col 3:12-13

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.

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From this passage, what is also necessary to bear with one another besides patience?

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To Bear with Requires Patience

1 Tim 1:15-16

15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. 16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His *perfect patience* as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

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What had Paul (Saul) done that required “perfect patience” from Jesus?

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To Bear with Requires Forgiveness

Col 3:13

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.

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From this passage, what must we do if we have a complaint against anyone? Does this mean we are not to admonish a brother who has sinned against us?

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Practical Steps:

1. Examine ourselves first!

2 Cor 13:5

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you — unless indeed you fail the test?
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Why is looking inwardly critical to bearing with one another?

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Practical Steps:

2. Check our attitude and outlook toward others!

John 8:7

7 But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

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What did Jesus force the accusers to do? What was the outcome?

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Practical Steps:

3. Approach the brother with patience, the intent to forgive and in love.

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Bearing with one another is tough but necessary work in the Lord's church! Agree?

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Questions for Thought and Discussion:

1. It is not an easy task to “bear with” some of our brethren. Read Colossian 3:8-13 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What does Paul tell the readers to “put off”? What does he tell them to do? What example does Paul offer to the readers?
 - b. What is coupled closely with “bearing with one another” in this passage? Why is this necessary in order to “bear with one another”?
 - c. What is the practical definition of “bearing with one another”? How will our “bearing with one another” be a testimony to “all men” (John 13:34-35) that we belong to Christ and are His disciples?

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Questions for Thought and Discussion:

2. Forgiveness is usually necessary if we are to “bear with one another”. Read the story told by Jesus in Matthew 18:23-35 and discuss the following:

- a. In this passage, whom does the king represent? The servant? The fellow servant?
- b. Why should the servant have forgiven his fellow servant? Why didn't he do so?
- c. What was the final condition of the servant who refused to forgive? Why did Jesus apply this story to the lives of those who were listening?