

Soli Deo Gloria

WE PRESS ON

○ A MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP | ACTS 2:36-47

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LEGACY

LOVE | GOD LOVES US ○

It all begins with the gospel! The gospel reveals God's love for us. The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ, who came to live the life we could not live, die the death we deserved to die, was raised to new life to defeat sin and death, is now seated at the right hand of the Father, and is coming back to rescue His people and redeem creation. Now all who believe upon Jesus for salvation have acceptance by the Father and the promise of eternal life.

Which verse(s) in the passage above (Acts 2:36-47) highlights the message of the gospel?

We believe that the message of the gospel transforms the hearts of believers and thus transforms them into a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Which verse(s) in the passage above (Acts 2:36-47) provides evidence of this biblical truth?

THE FAMOUS VERSE | JOHN 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (ESV)

Martin Luther called John 3:16 - “The Gospel in miniature”

GOD LOVED >> GOD GAVE >> WE BELIEVE >> WE HAVE

GOD LOVED

The Bible defines God as love (1 John 4:8). The love He has is the origin of all things. It's why God created this world and us to populate it. Unfortunately, we rebelled against God's love because we wanted to serve ourselves and be our own gods (Genesis 3:5-6).

GOD GAVE

Even though we alienated ourselves from God... He loved us enough to send Jesus to save us (Romans 5:8). This is the perfect example of true love (John 15:13). That God would humbly leave His eternal throne, step into time and space, live the perfect life that you and I have not lived, and die in our place for our sin (1 John 4:10).

WE BELIEVE

Faith in Christ is how we appropriate the grace and love of God in our lives (Ephesians 2:8). When we truly believe in Christ we are transformed and the love He has shown us becomes the motivation of everything we do. Faith always leads to obedience (John 14:15). Jesus becomes our Lord and not just our Savior.

WE HAVE

Not only do we get the benefits of knowing Jesus in this life... but, we get to spend eternity with Him in a special place He has prepared for us called Heaven (John 14:3). We don't deserve this grace and love, but God makes it our possession through Christ (Romans 6:23).

ITS ALL ABOUT THE GOSPEL

The gospel is not merely the entrance into the christian life, but it is the very ground by which a Christian daily walks.

According to 1 Corinthians 15:1, on what do Christians stand upon? Why is this important?

Consider all that Paul taught in 1 Corinthians. Why do you think Paul tells us that the gospel is of “first importance”? What happens if we get this wrong?

According to 1 Corinthians 15:2, what is currently saving us?

Read John 5:39. In your own words, summarize below what Jesus is telling the Pharisees.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, [2] and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. [3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, (ESV)

ENEMIES OF THE GOSPEL

The Gospel has two equal and opposite enemies. The ancient church father Tertullian is reputed to have said, **“Just as Jesus was crucified between two thieves, so the Gospel is ever crucified between these two errors.”** These two errors constantly seek to corrupt the message and steal away from us the power of the Gospel. What are these errors?

RELIGION AND IRRELIGION

RELIGION

Religion says we have to live a holy, good life in order to be saved.

IRRELIGION

Irreligion says that because we are saved, we don't have to live a holy and good life.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (ESV)

If our Gospel message even slightly resembles, “you can't be saved unless you live right,” or, “God's grace is so big you never have to grow in holiness,” then we will find that our communication is not doing the identity-changing, heart-shaping, transformative work described in the Biblical accounts of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God does save us from all of our sin... past, present, and future. Our salvation is never based on our own efforts, but solely on the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. (Galatians 2:16).

Yet, we cannot miss that God's work in us comes with transforming power that enables us to conquer habitual sin and live for Jesus until He returns. (Galatians 2:20)

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Read the passage above (Ephesians 2:8-10). How are we saved?

Read the passage on page 1 (Acts 2:36-47). How did the recipients of Peter's message respond to his message? What verse(s) provide evidence?

Baptism is an act of repentance by which we repent of dead works (Heb. 6:1). We place our trust in God's grace alone, by faith alone, through Christ alone.

Read Romans 6:3-5. Describe how Paul view's baptism?

Matthew 28:18-20 is called the Great Commission. In this passage, Jesus gives us our mission as a church - To make disciples. According to this passage, a disciple is one who believes the gospel and publicly proclaims his allegiance to Jesus through Baptism. Thus, Baptism is the public identification marker of a disciple. It is also the public entrance of an individual into their new family, the church.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

[18] And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

BAPTISM 101 CLASS

If you are a follower of Jesus and have not been baptized or have questions, please attend our next Baptism 101/

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LEGACY

DEVOTION | WE LOVE GOD ○

Once we realize the depths of God's love, we are changed forever. We have a new life and a new heart with new desires. We in turn love God, His Word, and His people.

In the passage above, which verse(s) highlight the love that the new believers had for God's Word and for one another? Describe the action verbs you see in this passage.

In the passage above, read verse 41. Those who believed were not simply added to the growing *number* of believers in Jesus. They were incorporated into the Body of Christ. (1 Cor 12:12-13) They enter into a relationship not only with Christ Himself, but also into a relationship with His Church. They are thus a part of a new family, devoted to God (vertically) and to one another (horizontally) - This is the essence of biblical membership.

VERTICAL DEVOTION | DEVOTED TO GOD'S WORD

Read Acts 2:42. As the new Christians moved in repentance and faith, what was the first thing they did? It was devoting themselves to the teaching of the apostles. This word in the Greek means "to be constant in attention." They were attentive to the message that God was speaking to them through the teaching of His Word. Why is Scripture so important to our lives as believers?

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Timothy 3:16. Scripture is "God-breathed" and inspired by God Himself. Therefore, His words are of greatest importance. Scripture is the "highest court" of revelation.

CLARITY OF SCRIPTURE

Read Psalm 19:7. Scripture is written in such a way as to be clear to anyone who truly wants to understand. It makes the simple wise and encourages us to place our trust in Jesus.

NECESSITY OF SCRIPTURE

Read Romans 10:13-17. Only by God revealing Himself through Scripture would we ever know the Gospel. We need it for our growth as Christians— it is food to us! (Matt 4:4)

SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Timothy 3:17. Only Scripture can prepare us for all the good works that He has prepared for us (Eph 2:10). We know all that we really need to know in order to follow Him through Scripture!

HORIZONTAL DEVOTION | DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER

Read John 13:34. What is Jesus' new command? How does obeying it provide evidence to our new life as disciples? How does this mirror the gospel?

Read Ephesians 4:1-3. What does Paul urge for us to maintain in this passage? Why would he plea so passionately for this? How can you actively obey Paul's words?

We are also called to :

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

Christ's example compels us to forgive sin against us. The Holy Spirit empowers us to forgive when we are unable to in our own strength. If we love well, we will be hurt by the sin of another. The Gospel offers us the only way to experience peace and healing, through the cross of Christ

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

We are created for relationship and are in need of encouragement. We need others to "stir us up" in the Gospel and remind us of the mission Jesus has called us to. Hebrews 3:12-13 commands us to "exhort one another" daily, which requires us to have close and authentic relationships..

ONE ANOTHER

What other things do we find the new Christians devoting themselves to in Acts 2:36-47? **If we think of love for God as a vertical axis, then loving others, especially those of the household of faith (Gal 6:10) is our horizontal axis.** Our love for others is one of the ways we bear fruit and demonstrate that we are actually Christians! (READ Jn 13:34-35; Mt 25:31-46; Jas 2:17-18; 1Jn 4:7, 12). There are many verses in Scripture which use the phrase "one another." An Appendix is provided for you at the end of this handout with a robust list of these commands.

DEVOTION | PUT INTO PRACTICE

How do we put our devotion to God and to one another into practice? Following Jesus' example and the example we see in Scripture, we have two means for vertical and horizontal devotion to be fleshed out in groups:

SMALL GROUPS

Our primary way of facilitating devotion is through small groups. Mirroring the New Testament, we hope to see people living life together on a devoted mission. In our small groups, 8-20 people gather throughout the week (in homes) in gospel-centered community (Acts 2:42-47). Each group seeks to grow together in Christ and His Word, while caring for one another, praying for one another, and encouraging one another in the Word. Our groups are on mission to advance the gospel to their local community by being missionaries for Jesus and living life together in biblical community. **Enrollment is ongoing! Childcare is available at groups.*



DWELL AND FORGED GROUPS

Jesus not only had a group of 12 disciples, but he had 3 very close companions. To facilitate bible study, accountability, and prayer, we offer gender specific groups of 3-5 men (Forged) or 3-5 women (Dwell). These groups usually meet 1-2 times per month at a location and time that is best for the group to discuss the Bible, confess sins, and pray for one another. **Enrollment is periodic, so be listening for announcements on when you can join a group*

WHY JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

It is our desire to see everyone grow and mature in Christlikeness, and it is our purpose as the Church to make disciples. The second of our Four Points, Devotion, is all about responding to the gospel, devoting ourselves to God's Word and to His people by living out the "One Another's" of Scripture. Since Christianity is not a "solo event", we believe that the best way for us to grow in Christ is to come together in study, prayer and service. Smaller groups lend themselves to increasingly deeper relationships and we benefit from what Jesus is doing in the lives of other group members. Our growing love for one another in Christ is a powerful testimony to a lost and dying world.

HOW TO JOIN A GROUP

Small groups generally meet year-round and are organized geographically. They meet in a host family's home on a regular schedule, several times a month. Schedules sometimes change due to the availability of the host home, and some groups take breaks during holidays. A list of current small groups is available at the Connections Desk (or on the map in the lobby at our Acworth campus). Visit a connections desk to sign up for a group.

For more questions, email us at smallgroups@fourpointchurch.com

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WE P R E S S I O N

GIFTED FOR A PURPOSE | EPHESIANS 4:7-16

LOVE

[7] But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. [8] Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men."

DEVOTION

[9] (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? [10] He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) [11] And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, [13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, [14] so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. [15] Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (ESV)

PASSION

LEGACY

PASSION | WE LOVE OTHERS

God saves us, he changes us...In response to his love for us, we have new desires to love Him and new desires to love His people. His desire is for this love to be put into action through our lives, so that much can be made of Jesus. And thankfully, because of the gospel, Jesus has equipped us to put this love into action by ministering to the body of Christ.

In your own words, what do you think Paul is communicating in verse 7?

According to the passage above, who is "equipped" for the work of ministry? How are they equipped? Why is this important to you as a member of the body of Christ?

What is the intended purpose of Christ giving His people gifts of grace (see vv. 12-16)? How does this teaching change your view of serving within the church?

[42] And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. [43] But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, [44] and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. [45] For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (ESV)

According to Jesus, what is the contrasting characteristic of his disciples?

GOD SERVED US

God served us by sending His Son to do what we could not do, and pay the price we could not pay. In humility, Jesus laid down his crown and royal robe, to put on the garment of a lowly servant. His display of servitude was revealed in His substitutionary death on a criminal's cross (Philippians 2:6-8).

WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS KINGDOM

When Jesus saves us, he doesn't merely forgive us and keep us where we were. We are actually transferred into a new domain or Kingdom. Jesus served us to bring us into a new Kingdom., not just forgive us of our sins. Paul states, in Colossians, "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.."(Colossians 1:13). He tells the church at Philippi this same truth. No longer is our citizenship one of this world, but we are now "Citizens of Heaven" (Philippians 3:20).

WE SERVE OTHERS

Because we are members of a new kingdom, we have a different perspective, and we serve a different Master. By the power of the Spirit inside of us, we are looking like our new Master each day. Thus, we are becoming servants in the Kingdom of the one who served us. We served others!

SERVING IS WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

Paul encourages the Philippians to show humility, but there is a reason why he commands this. Read verses 1-2. What is that reason?

What are the commands that Paul gives in verses 3 and 4? Why are these commands so difficult for us to obey?

Why does Paul follow up these commands with a statement about Jesus' humility ?

Serving is an attitude/mindset that comes because of our union with Christ (v. 5).

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-8

[1] So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, [2] complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. [5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (ESV)

SERVING ONE ANOTHER | 1 PETER 4:8-11

[8] Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. [9] Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. [10] **As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:** [11] whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

WE'VE ALL GOT A GIFT!

According to Peter, who has a gift? What is to be done with these gifts?

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-15

[12] For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. [13] For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

[14] For the body does not consist of one member but of many. [15] If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. (ESV)

ALL OF US ARE BETTER THAN ONE OF US

Jesus doesn't just invite us to be a part of a family, but brings us in as members of His body.

Each member has a different function within the body and gift to bring for the body. Note, gifts are not about the individual who has the gift, but function to benefit the body as a whole. The body cannot function as intended without each member contributing his/her gifting

PASSION | PUT INTO PRACTICE

How do we put these commands to practice? Through our Passion Teams.

We have a variety of ways you can serve the body at FPC, based upon How God has uniquely wired you. These are called Passion Teams. At both campuses, we have several Passion Teams for you to be involved in. Most teams only ask for a monthly commitment, but if you are willing, you can serve more.

Many believe that Christians should be serving the community and the lost. While we wouldn't disagree, it seems that the NT makes it clear that Christians are first and foremost called to serve the body of believers that God has placed them within as Paul writes in Galatians 6:10. Their service towards one another, out of a selfless love founded on the gospel, is an attractive light for the lost world to see (John 13:33-35).

*Serving the lost is an outflow of our love for one another. We serve the community and minister to the lost through our Small Groups. Visit a Small Group for more info.

GALATIANS 6:10

[10] So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (ESV)

HOW DO I JOIN A PASSION TEAM?

Simply fill out an orange passion card and submit it! Find a virtual card online at fourpointchurch.com/passionteams or at a connections desk. One of the team leaders will contact you via email or phone and plug you in. We need each member using his/her gifts to serve the body for the overall benefit and health of the Body (Ephesians 4:13).

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LEGACY

LEGACY | LOVE LIVES ON ○

Not only does the gospel result in a love for God and His people, but the gospel leads us to love the **church**, the local body of believers, who are in community with one another, under the guidance of elders whom God has called, who are ultimately being led by the Chief Shepherd, Jesus. The gospel then compels us to also commit to the local church, that we should all be a part of.

Read verse 41. There is no object for the verb added. But if we read this entire passage, we can conclude what the object of this verb was intended to be. To what were these three thousand souls added? (hint you may have to read ahead!)

Read verse 47. What does Luke mean when he states, "And the Lord added to their number?" Were those people just merely saved and then left alone to do life on their own? How does this passage show us a picture of a life connected to the church?

It seems that the church grew, as people were added to it. These people entered into the church through salvation and baptism (vv 40-41, 47), and were marked as members of the church by their commitment to the community of believers and their devotion to the teaching of the apostles (vv 42-47). They were added to the church and committed to the church, which is the institution ordained by God for the heralding of His gospel to make disciples of Jesus for His glory!

LEGACY | COMMITTED TO THE GOSPEL

Being a member of Four Points Cartersville is really about being part of a family. All members are disciples of Jesus, unified by their identity in Christ. This unity is expressed in the way they collaborate in loving God, loving fellow Christians, and loving non-Christians. Members who enter into a commitment with their local church are called to a higher degree of responsibility and service. They are committed not merely to unity within the church, but they are committed to obey the Scriptures and love the gospel, which the church is founded upon. They are also committed to being disciple makers in their home and in the context which they have been placed (Matthew 28:18-20). At the same time, the elders and deacons are committed to assist members by loving and leading them according to Scripture, providing counsel and aid for them, praying for their souls, teaching them from God's Word, guarding them from erroneous teaching, and guiding them in the Gospel.

COMMITTED IN THE HEART

Members are committed to seeing the gospel take root in their own hearts. They love God's word and are devoted to it with their whole life (Psalm 1).

COMMITTED IN THE HOME

The primary disciple maker of children is not the church, but rather it is their parents. Deuteronomy 6:1-7 compels us to ensure our children intimately know the God we love and His gospel.

Members are then committed to family discipleship and aspiring towards having a healthy, biblical marriage, that reflects the gospel (Ephesians 5:22-32)

COMMITTED WITH TIME AND TALENT

Members are also committed to the church with their time and talent. They take community seriously, they serve the body with their time and their talent (Points - Devotion and Passion). They invest what they have been given for the spread of the gospel and the advancement of the Kingdom (Matthew 25:14-30)

COMMITTED WITH TREASURE

Members are not only committed to the church with their time and talent, but members are also committed with their treasure, as well. The entire book of Philippians is dedicated to a church who gave a financial gift to Paul for the purpose of advancing the gospel. Members know their money is not really their's but it is a gift from God meant to be stewarded with the purpose of advancing His Kingdom.

LEGACY | COMMITTED WITH YOUR TREASURE

"There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, mind, and the purse." - Martin Luther

Where are you?

While the Bible teaches about tithes and offerings, we can arguably have a nice long debate about what current going rate is. What we as leaders of Four Points seek, are committed cheerful givers, who believe in the mission of the church and give regularly to allow it to function and minister the saints.

According to Paul, what type of giver does God love (see verse 7)?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. How does giving display the gospel? How does our failure to cheerfully give display our lack of dependence in God's provision?

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8, 10-12

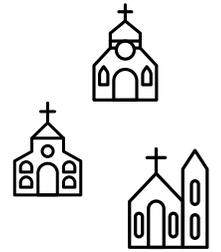
[7] Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ...[10] He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. [11] You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. [12] For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. (ESV)

LEGACY | COMMITTED TO CHURCH PLANTING

Not only do members commit to the mission of our local church, but members are committed to advancing the gospel beyond their local context through their local church. This is fleshed out through church planting. We believe that healthy churches plant churches for the purpose of gospel advancement. Four Points Cartersville is a recent church plant and is a result of another church's efforts to see the gospel advance in Cartersville. We are committed to planting churches through a partnership with a church-planting network.

CHURCH PLANTING

A quick read through Acts will lead you to the conclusion that churches plant churches. Paul was not only a missionary, but he was primarily a church planter. Paul commanded Titus to appoint elders in every town on the island of Crete to establish order in seeing the gospel grow (Titus 1:5). Meaning, his desire was to see local churches, led by elders, in the towns scattered throughout the island of Crete. This is one of many examples of church planting. There is robust evidence within the New Testament that churches are to train, equip, and send out folks to plant the gospel in an area as a local church. This is easier said than done! It takes intentional time, intentional dedication, and intentional energy.



ACTS 29 CHURCH PLANTING NETWORK

Because we take church planting seriously, we are a member of a church planting network called Acts 29. Acts 29 is a family of church planting churches that exists to encourage, resource, facilitate, support and equip churches to plant churches that will plant church-planting churches! We are recipients of the network's training, resources, and support of church planting. For more info visit acts29.com

HOW ARE WE INVOLVED IN CHURCH PLANTING?

We are not only recipients of church planting, but we are also involved in church planting. Both our Acworth and Cartersville campuses are involved with churches regionally who seek to equip and send out church planters. Both campuses are also involved with church planting in Ecuador through Acts29. We are financially contributing towards church planter trainings in Ecuador (Compassion Connection), and we are financially contributing and patterning with a church plant in Catamayo, Ecuador (Iglesia Jesed).

MEMBERSHIP AT FPC | NEXT STEPS

Members at FPC Cartersville should be faithfully walking through our discipleship process of Love, Devotion, Passion, and Legacy, seeking to look more like Jesus, while being committed to His church. In other words, members should be transformed by the gospel and should have made a public profession of that through baptism (LOVE). Members should be living in community and regularly participating in a group (DEVOTION). Members are to use their gifts to serve one another through a passion team (PASSION). Lastly, members are to be financially giving, both regularly and cheerfully, to the church for the advancement of the gospel (LEGACY). If you love Jesus and desire to be a member, but cannot walk through through these points, please send us a email to discuss with an elder - admin@fourpointchurch.com

If you have been baptized, are involved in a small group, are serving on a passion team, and are faithfully giving to the church, we would encourage you to look at over our membership commitment and statement of faith. When ready to commit in a covenant relationship as a member of Four Points Cartersville, we ask you to please fill out a membership application at fourpointchurch.com/membership.

APPENDIX

○ “ONE ANOTHER” IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

“Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

(Mark 9:50 ESV)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

(John 13:34–35 ESV)

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

(John 15:12 ESV)

“These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

(John 15:17 ESV)

“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”

(Romans 12:10 ESV)

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.”

(Romans 12:16 ESV)

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

(Romans 15:5–7 ESV)

“I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.”

(Romans 15:14 ESV)

“Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.”

(Romans 16:16 ESV)

“So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—”

(1 Corinthians 11:33 ESV)

APPENDIX

○ “ONE ANOTHER” IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CONTINUED

“that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”

(1 Corinthians 12:25-26 ESV)

“All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.”

(1 Corinthians 16:20 ESV)

“Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.”

(2 Corinthians 13:11-12 ESV)

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.””

(Galatians 5:13-14 ESV)

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

(Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV)

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

(Ephesians 4:32 ESV)

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

(Ephesians 5:18-21 ESV)

APPENDIX

○ “ONE ANOTHER” IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CONTINUED

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

(Colossians 3:12–13 ESV)

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

(Colossians 3:16 ESV)

“Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”

(1 Thessalonians 3:11–13 ESV)

“Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another,”

(1 Thessalonians 4:9 ESV)

“Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

(1 Thessalonians 4:17–18 ESV)

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:9–11 ESV)

“See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:15 ESV)

“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.”

(2 Thessalonians 1:3 ESV)

APPENDIX

○ “ONE ANOTHER” IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CONTINUED

“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”
(Hebrews 3:12–13 ESV)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
(Hebrews 10:24–25 ESV)

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”
(James 5:16 ESV)

“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,”
(1 Peter 1:22 ESV)

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
(1 Peter 4:8–11 ESV)

“Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.””
(1 Peter 5:5 ESV)

“Greet one another with the kiss of love.
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.”
(1 Peter 5:14 ESV)

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
(1 John 1:7 ESV)

APPENDIX



“ONE ANOTHER” IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CONTINUED

“For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”
(1 John 3:11 ESV)

“And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.”
(1 John 3:23 ESV)

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”
(1 John 4:7 ESV)

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.”
(1 John 4:11–12 ESV)

“And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another.”
(2 John 1:5 ESV)