

How Should Believers Treat Each Other? – Part 2 & 3

Basic Beliefs #21 & 22

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I. Love One Another – John 13:34-35

- A. A New Command
- B. A New Behavior
 - 1. By giving your life for others – John 15:12–13
 - 2. By loving your enemies – Matthew 5:44
 - 3. By admonishing those in sin – Romans 15:14
 - 4. By sharing the gospel – 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

II. Serve One Another – Galatians 5:13

III. Be Kind, Tenderhearted, Forgiving One Another – Ephesians 4:32

A. Be Kind

kindness = Kindness means acting charitably and benevolently toward others, as God has done toward us. Kindness takes the initiative in responding generously to others' needs.

It is “an unselfish concern for the welfare of others, and a desire to be helpful even at great personal sacrifice.” (William MacDonald, *Believer's Bible Commentary: Old and New Testaments*, ed. Arthur Farstad (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995), 1940.)

Vines Complete Expository Dictionary: “good, virtuous, mild, pleasant” (in contrast to what is hard, harsh, sharp, bitter). (W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White Jr., *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville, TN: T. Nelson, 1996), 192.)

B. Be Tenderhearted

tenderhearted = A sympathetic, affectionate, and compassionate interest in others, and a willingness to bear their burden. (William MacDonald, *Believer's Bible Commentary: Old and New Testaments*, ed. Arthur Farstad (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995), 1940.)

C. Be Forgiving – Matthew 6:14–15

IV. Receive One Another – Romans 15:7

receive = to take as one's companion; to take by the hand in order to lead

A. With Forbearance – Colossians 3:13

forbearance = to bear, to endure; to put up with

B. With Pleasing Speech – James 5:9

grudge = grumble from impatience, groan against, complain strongly of someone; to sigh. (Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).)

C. With Care – 1 Corinthians 12:25

schism = division, dissension

care = looking out for and providing for another; being concerned about others

V. Be Kindly Affectioned One to Another – Romans 12:10

kindly affectioned = cherishing ones' kindred; prone to love

VI. Prefer One Another – Romans 12:10

honor = the showing of honor, reverence, or respect as an action

preferring = esteeming highly; putting above; to consider better

VII. Be Likeminded One to Another – Romans 15:5–6; 12:16

likeminded = to have the same thoughts among yourselves, cherish the same views, be harmonious.

VIII. Edify One Another – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

edify = to build a house, erect a building; to promote growth in Christian wisdom, affection, grace, virtue, holiness, blessedness.

IX. Have Compassion One to Another – 1 Peter 3:8

X. Comfort One Another – 1 Thessalonians 4:18

comfort = encourage, cheer up

XI. Members One of Another – Romans 12:4–5

XII. Use Hospitality One to Another – 1 Peter 4:9

hospitality = hospitable, generous to guests; loving the stranger

1) In practicing hospitality, some have entertained angels unawares. – Hebrews 13:2

2) Any kindness shown to a child of God is the same as showing kindness to the Lord Himself. – Matthew 25:40

3) Hospitality, even in small ways, will be rewarded by God. – Matthew 10:42

4) Those who show hospitality to a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. – Matthew 10:41

5) The purpose of hospitality should be to show kindness with no thought of being repaid. – Luke 14:12–14