



Local Group Study – January-July 2022

Life in the Body of Christ: The “One Anothers” of the New Testament

Introduction

Salvation is an individual experience. God, who has foreknown and predestined each of His elect since before the foundation of the world, uses His Word to regenerate a heart, implant faith, and produce repentance. As a result of this work of God in the heart, the person then believes on and receives Christ – and on the basis of that faith, is justified. The Holy Spirit then comes and lives within the individual, beginning the process of sanctification and guaranteeing a full future glory. One person at a time, the Lord accomplishes this saving work.

And yet, salvation is also very much a corporate experience – because the moment a person believes, they are *baptized* by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ. This baptism joins them inseparably to Christ, yes – but it also joins them to all other believers in a mysterious spiritual union as the one Bride of Christ. We then walk through this world and the process of sanctification together, sharing “one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” (Ephesians 4:4)

In this study we will examine the foundation of our Christian relationships with one another, which is this fundamental spiritual unity that defines the Body to which we belong. We will then review the call to love, which is the most notable (and exclusive) characteristic defining Christian relationships. Then will come an extensive section focused on how our Christian relationships should look “where the rubber meets the road” – what it means to bear with one another, edify one another, stir one another up, and so on. And lastly, we will look at our future together, which will be an eternity with the Lord, delighting in both our individual **and** corporate salvation.



In-person group meets at the home of David & Karen Haas

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- Meeting ID: 465 396 9144
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Weekly Meeting Plan

Preparation:

Read and meditate on the designated Scripture and be prepared to discuss the questions below.

7:00 – 7:05 PM

Scripture recitation: John 15:9-14

7:05 – 7:40

Read the designated Scripture together, and discuss these questions:

1. What in this text stood out to you in a new or fresh way?
2. What in this text is challenging – hard to understand or obey? Why?
3. What are some ways in which you desire to grow in the truth of this text, making fuller application of it in your life?

7:40 – 8:00

Prayer

Section 1: The Body to Which We Belong

Jan 5	I Corinthians 12:1-27	Members of Christ’s Body
Jan 12	1 John 1:5-7	The Basis of Our Fellowship With One Another
Jan 19	Romans 12:1-10	Members One of Another
Jan 26	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ministry to One Another

Section 2: The Call to Love

Feb 2	1 John 4:7-12	Loving One Another With God’s Love
Feb 9	John 15:9-14	Loving One Another Like Jesus Loved Us
Feb 16	1 Peter 1:22-25	Loving One Another With a Pure Heart Fervently
Feb 23	1 John 3:7-18	Loving One Another Sacrificially

Section 3: The Specifics of Love

Mar 2	John 13:1-17	Washing One Another's Feet
Mar 9	Romans 12:10-13	Giving Preference to One Another
Mar 16	Romans 14:10-23	Edifying One Another
Mar 23	Romans 15:1-7	Receiving One Another
Mar 30	Galatians 5:13-26	Serving One Another With Liberty
Apr 6	Galatians 6:1-10	Bearing One Another's Burdens
Apr 13	Break: Spring Bible Conference	
Apr 20	Ephesians 4:1-6	Forbearing With One Another
Apr 27	Ephesians 4:29-32	Being Kind to One Another
May 4	Ephesians 5:15-21	Submitting to One Another
May 11	Colossians 3:9-13	Forgiving One Another
May 18	Colossians 3:14-17	Teaching and Admonishing One Another in Song
May 25	Hebrews 3:12-19	Exhorting One Another Daily
June 1	Hebrews 10:19-25	Stirring One Another Up
June 8	James 5:13-20	Confessing & Praying for One Another
June 15	1 Peter 3:8-12	Having Compassion Toward One Another
June 22	1 Peter 5:1-7	Being Subject to One Another

Section 4: The Future With One Another

June 29	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Together with the Lord
July 6	Revelation 19:5-9	Together at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
July 13	Revelation 21:1-5	Together in the New Heavens and the New Earth