

“The New Us: Living with One Another”

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Scripture

Romans 1:11-12

“For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, **both yours and mine.**”

The New Us:

Colossians (Live Differently)
Philippians (Walk Worthy)
Ephesians (Walk in Unity or United)

These are what we should do...but how do we do it?

Paul's “Oneness” with the Church -> Romans 1:11-12

The Early Church

Acts 2:42

“They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (KJV)

“Koinonia” - “Fellowship, Community, Partnership”

“Allelon” - “One Another” – **100 times** in the New Testament, 60% are specific commands

Love (16 times)

4 frequent Greek words

Eros
Storge
Phileo
Agape

John 13:34-35

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

1 John 4:7-12

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **The one who does not love does not know God**, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another**. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.”

1 John 4:19-21

“**We love, because He first loved us**. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. **And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.**”

1 Peter 4:8

“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.”

This may require some work in us. To be fervent in love -> passionate about it, zealous for it. Love is more a word of action than emotion. Jesus washed the disciples' feet!

How easy it for you to remember to love someone who you feel violated your ethics?

Colossians 4:12-14

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. **Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.**”

It's an Identifying Love, and it is our highest calling from the Lord

Caring for

Accept

Romans 15:7

“Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.”

Accept means “to aggressively receive with personal interest”.

We were adopted into Christ. We were made sons and daughters of the Most High God. We were accepted, even though we had many, many faults. **We need to accept others in the same manner...adopted and accepted.**

What is the opposite of acceptance? We should have a bias toward acceptance, not rejection.

Admonish

Romans 15:14

“And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.”

The Last Blog

Colossians 3:16

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

The Greek word for “admonish” here does not mean to browbeat someone into submission or to highlight your own spiritual maturity and demean another individual. Instead, it means to “appeal to the mind by supplying doctrinal and positive spiritual content.”

We enter into each other’s lives with grace, reminding each other of the Words of the Bible for the purpose of personal spiritual growth and maturity.

Be Patient with

Ephesians 4:1-2

“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love”

Colossians 3:12

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience”

The Greek word for “patience” is beautiful. It literally means “long to anger” and is sometimes translated as long-suffering.

1 Corinthians 13:4 -> The Excellence of Love

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant”

Psalm 86:15

“But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, **Slow to anger** and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.”

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, **but is patient toward you**, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

We share a quality with God when we are patient toward one another in the fellowship.

Do we immediately jump to anger when we're offended, or do we show patience toward each other?

Kind and Compassionate to

Ephesians 4:31-32

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. **Be kind to one another, tender-hearted**, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

The Greek word for “kind” means “useful or serviceable” not merely as a heartfelt thought but being moved by the benevolent heart to act in service.

“Tender-hearted” is more of the heartfelt, emotional reaction to one another. It literally refers to the bowels of the body: a visceral, gut reaction. **Be moved to assist and be compassionate to another's situation.**

How many of us have been moved by an emotional pitch on TV or from a forwarded email message from a friend?

A great example for us this past week, with Kath and I not feeling well, that the church reached out, called/texted to check on us, and brought over meals for us. What a beautiful example of the church's heart moved to action.

Serve

Galatians 5:13

“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another.**”

Doulos -> “willing become a slave to” someone else out of love for them.

We are to be sacrificial – but how do we do that?

Practically, it is forgoing what you would like to do for the purpose of serving another.

George Bailey from “It’s a Wonderful Life”

Comfort

1 Thessalonians 5:13

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. **Therefore comfort one another with these words.**”

Parakaleo -> to come alongside someone and **put your arms around them**, and walk together through a situation.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Count the “Comfort” references

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and **God of all comfort**, who **comforts** us in all our affliction so that we will be able to **comfort those who are in any affliction** with the **comfort** with which we ourselves are **comforted** by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our **comfort** is abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your **comfort** and salvation; or if we are **comforted**, it is for your **comfort**, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our **comfort.**”

How many of us have felt God’s comfort for us in difficult situations?

We are to provide that same comfort to each other when needed

Encourage

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

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

1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

“But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, **encourage the fainthearted, help the weak**, be patient with everyone. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.”

Paramutheomai -> to come alongside someone **with soothing words** and walk together through a situation.

A close parallel to comfort, we also encourage, being very vocal in our support for each other through the challenges of life.

Romans 12:15 -> “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”

Consider

Philippians 2:1-4

“Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

The KJV uses “esteem” here meaning “put someone else’s needs in a priority position” **to make their care more important than your own**.

Teach (not instruction from a Pastor or Bible teacher, but to one another)

Speak the Truth

Ephesians 4:14-15

“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”

A mature, wise speaking of the Word to others using insight and discernment.

We need to share the truth with each other, sometimes boldly, for the good of the soul and the good of the whole -> this is the **TILII** focus: “Tell it like it is”

Speak Spiritually to

Ephesians 5:18-20

“Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;”

There is power in the Word and the words of the Bible to teach as well as lift up. We need to speak spiritually and praise together as a fellowship but also individually.

How many of us have been encouraged in a situation when someone shares a Bible passage with us at the right moment when we need to hear it?

Stimulate or Stir Up

Hebrews 10:24-25

“Let us consider how **to stimulate one another** to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

KJV uses “provoke” here, means literally “jabbing someone so they must respond”

Can you imagine if I just gave the command from the pulpit that you should all provoke one another? How would that play out?

The idea here is to **speak sharply and directly** to reinforce or exhort someone to the right path, which the writer of Hebrews means to be loving and serving others as well as stay a part of the fellowship.

This could be: “Hey, that’s not right!” or “That’s not very loving!” or “**You need to be in church!**” or “There’s ministry out there to be done. Get involved!”

Build Up

Romans 14:13 & 19

“Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this -- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.”

“Pursue the things which make for peace and **the building up of one another**”

Skandal -> “Stumbling block” meaning “the bait of a trap” which would tear someone down. KJV uses “offense” here. NIV uses “causes to sin”.

Instead, **oikodome** -> “the building of a house” meaning to use “constructive criticism and instruction that builds a person up to be the suitable dwelling place of God”

We should not denigrate someone because of how they react in a situation, but instead, provide constructive criticism to build them up.

Rather than, "Look, you should have done X or Y! What were you thinking?" instead, try "Here's how could have handled that situation biblically"

Do Not

Mostly Positive Commands, but there are some negative imperatives

Lie

Colossians 3:8-9

"But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. **Do not lie to one another**, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices"

We should be "people of the truth" at all times. Sometimes, we soft pedal the truth, are not direct when we need to be, which leads to deception.

Pseudomai -> "to willfully misrepresent"

Asking the church clerk to change something in the meeting minutes

Matthew 5:37

Jesus said, "Let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil"

TILI

Slander

James 4:10-11

"**Do not speak against one another**, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it."

Katalaleo -> "detracting from someone's reputation by malice of speech directed against them" -> literally "evil talk".

Purposely attempting to destroy someone's character or witness as well as indirectly and perhaps unintentionally through gossip.

Matthew 5:21-22

“You have heard that the ancients were told, YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever **says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.**”

Jesus was serious about avoiding evil talk about someone.

Galatians 5:14-15

“For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." **But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.**”

What will the community think about a church that is slandering its own fellowship?

Provoke

Galatians 5:26

“Let us not be desirous of vain glory, **provoking one another**, envying one another.”

Prokaleo -> “to call forth in a challenge” or to threaten in conflict

Simply put, there are times where we need to stand up for the truth and defend biblical principles. That is not what Paul is referencing here. He is speaking of being boastful (vain glory) and confronting **for personal, selfish purposes**, as in to claim superiority over someone else.

“I’m a lot more faithful to my church than YOU are!” or “You think you know more about the Bible than me?”

Grumble

James 5:9

“Do not **complain**, brethren, **against one another**, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.”

Stenazo -> “to groan (within oneself)” having a feeling which is internal and unexpressed.

We think grumbling and complaining is outwardly expressed but that’s not the word used here. The idea here is **having extreme dissatisfaction with someone that affects how you treat them.**

“Tom hurt me 5 years ago. I might have to smile and put up with him because I’m a Christian, but I won’t be happy about it”

A long list of Do’s and Do Not’s -> may we all live well with one another

Prayer for Each Other

Order of Service

Calvary Baptist Church, Cambridge

January 23rd, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Dr. Geoffrey Plummer Preaching

Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Geoffrey Plummer
Worship in Music <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blessed Assurance• In the Garden	Congregation
Offertory Prayer	Deacon Colby Carpenter
Reading of God's Word and Prayer	Richard McDonald
Sermon (Romans 1:11-12)	Pastor Geoffrey Plummer
Celebration Music <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How Great is Our God	Congregation
Benediction	Pastor Geoffrey Plummer

Announcements for Sunday, January 23rd, 2022

Communications Update

- The new **website** is LIVE: www.cbccne.org
- **YouTube** Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCra63eoUMtj13N2Q_uamemA
- **Online Giving** is Available: Go to the website, there is a **Give** button at the top right
- **"Ask the Pastor"** is LIVE Go to the website, **"Ask the Pastor"** in the top menu
 - Use for any biblical question you might have
- **Sermon Notes** are Online Go to the website, at the bottom of the Sermons page
- The new **Facebook** account is LIVE: See Cheryl Schaeffer for more information
- Sign-up for **Email Communication Updates** if you haven't already

Upcoming Events

- **The New Us: The Ideal Church** Sunday, January 30th at 9:30am
- **Annual Business Meeting** Sunday, January 30th at 11:30am
- **Communion** Sunday, February 6th at 10:45am
- **The Circle and Decorating** Saturday, February 12th
- **Valentine Friendship Luncheon** Sunday, February 13th

Calvary Baptist Church Draft Budget for 2022			
	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount	Category Notes
Contributions			
General Fund Giving	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 5,416.67	
Designated Fund Giving			
Expenses			
Administrative/CPA Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.83	
CE & Sunday School	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 83.33	
Insurance: Facility	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 375.00	Guide One Competitive Quote?
Insurance: Workmen's Comp	\$ -	\$ -	Eliminate Workmen's Comp
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 125.00	
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.83	
Maintenance: Bathroom Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 41.67	
Maintenance: Cleaning Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 41.67	
Missions: Chapman	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 100.00	
Missions: Tentmakers	\$ -	\$ -	
Missions: Converge Heartland	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 100.00	Pastoral Search Contribution
Office/Computer/Video Supplies	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 200.00	
Website/Email Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 41.67	
Pastor Compensation: Parsonage	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 2,333.33	Pastor's Total Comp \$40,000
Pastor Compensation: Healthcare	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 608.33	Pastor's Total Comp \$40,000
Pastor Compensation: Retirement	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 200.00	Pastor's Total Comp \$40,000
Pastor Compensation: Salary	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 191.67	Pastor's Total Comp \$40,000
Pulpit Supply	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 250.00	
Telephone: City of Cambridge	\$ 720.00	\$ 60.00	
Utilities: Black Hills Gas - House	\$ 570.00	\$ 47.50	
Utilities: City of Cambridge Water/Sewer - House	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 84.58	
Utilities: Black Hills Gas - Main Building	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 145.00	
Utilities: City of Cambridge Water/Sewer - Main Building	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 214.58	
Youth: Retreat	\$ -	\$ -	To be funded by Youth/Parents
Youth: Other	\$ 200.00	\$ 16.67	
Miscellaneous Repairs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 83.33	
Total Expenses	\$ 64,620.00	\$ 5,385.00	
New Category or Dollar Amount Changed ->			
Dollar Amount May Be Reduced - Unknown Benefit ->			

Lyrics to Blessed Assurance: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDeiy9-t2GE>)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchased of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His Blood**

**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love**

**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

**Perfect Submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior, am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love**

**This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

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Lyrics to: In the Garden (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkbkEIKMeDM>)

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known

<humming the melody>

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

Lyrics to: How Great is Our God (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDgmJFw6F64>)

**The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice**

**How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God**

**Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb**

**How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God**

**How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God**

**Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God**

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Sermon Notes

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The “One Another” Passages

The phrase "one another" is derived from the Greek word *allelon* which means "one another, each other; mutually, reciprocally." It occurs 100 times in the New Testament. Approximately 59 of those occurrences are specific commands teaching us how (and how not) to relate to one another.

Obedience to those commands is in the imperative. It forms the basis for all true Christian community and has a direct impact on our witness to the world (John 13:35). With that in mind, the following list is not exhaustive, and primarily focuses on the use of *allelon*.

POSITIVE COMMANDS

Love one another (John 13:34 - *This command occurs at least 16 times*)

Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)

Honor one another **above yourselves** (Romans 12:10)

Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)

Build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Be likeminded towards one another (Romans 15:5)

Accept one another (Romans 15:7)

Admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)

Greet one another (Romans 16:16)

Care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)

Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)

Bear one another's **burdens** (Galatians 6:2)

Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)

Be patient with one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)

Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15, 25)

Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Speak to one another **with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs** (Ephesians 5:19)

Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)

Consider others **better than yourselves** (Philippians 2:3)

Look to the interests of one another (Philippians 2:4)

Bear with one another (Colossians 3:13)

Teach one another (Colossians 3:16)

Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13)

Stir up [provoke, stimulate] one another **to love and good works** (Hebrews 10:24)

Show hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)

Employ the gifts that God has given us for the benefit of one another (1 Peter 4:10)

Clothe yourselves with humility towards one another (1 Peter 5:5)

Pray for one another (James 5:16)

Confess your faults to one another (James 5:16)

We do all this because we are in a real sense “**members of one another**” (Romans 12:5; Ephesians 4:25).

NEGATIVE COMMANDS (how *not* to treat one another)

Do not lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)

Stop passing judgment on one another (Romans 14:13)

If you keep on biting and devouring each other...**you'll be destroyed** by each other (Galatians 5:15)

Let us **not become conceited, provoking and envying** each other (Galatians 5:26)

Do not slander one another (James 4:11)

Don't grumble against each other (James 5:9)