

Building Up One Another

Pursuing Love In The Local Church

- We are called to be a functioning participant and active contributor in the local body of Christ
- We are called to care for one another, minister to one another, and encourage one another in their spiritual walk

55 times in NT - One Another

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- Love - The Great Commandment, Matt 22:35-40
 - 1 Cor 13:13 - The greatest of these is Love
 - Col 3:12-14 - Beyond all these things, put on Love
- Agape Love: Acting in the best interest toward others. 1 Cor 13:4-7
 - 1 Peter 4:8 - Above all, have fervent love for one another... (NKJB)

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- Love - The Mark of a Christian
 - John 13:34-35 - By this, all will know..
 - Gal 6:10 - Do good to all, and especially to Christians
 - What's the balance between the two commands?
 - Have love for all, but even more to our brethren - 1 Thess 3:12
 - John 13:34 - We are to love “even as I have loved you.” This is the highest form of love we must have

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- Love - The Mark of a Christian
 - John 13:35 - Jesus gives the world the right to judge whether or not we are true followers of God
 - Based on what?
 - That our sign outside says, “church of Christ”?
 - That we do acappella singing?
 - That we observe the Lord’s Supper each Sunday?
 - That we are baptized for forgiveness of sins?

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- Love - The Mark of a Christian
 - John 17:21 - That they also may be one in Us
 - If we fail to love one another, how will the world come to be reconciled with God?
 - We must live and exemplify the definition of love toward one another.
 - Matt 5:16 - Let your light shine

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- Putting Love into the Local Church
 - Love is...having to say I'm sorry
 - Matt 5:23-24 - Reconciliation must precede worship
 - Unresolved conflicts don't fix themselves, love finds a way
 - Love is... forgiving
 - Matt 18:35 - The responsibility now shifts to the other person with forgiveness

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- Putting Love into the Local Church
 - Love is...expensive
 - Overlooks minor offenses - Matt 5:39-40
 - Goes the extra mile - 5:41
 - Lives by the golden rule - 7:12
 - Love is...more intent on solving a problem than winning an argument
 - If we prove a point at the expense of unity, we lose!
 - Rom 14:19 - Instead of pushing our agenda and our way

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- Putting Love into the Local Church
 - Love is...patient, kind and refuses to keep score
 - 1 Cor 13 - If love were a person...
 - Love would bear all things, believe all things, hope all things endure all things.
 - Love would then put up with, overlook personality differences and see the good in our brethren.
 - Love builds a bridge and finds a way.

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- Putting Love into the Local Church
 - Love is...never easy
 - There may be some in the church you don't like. It doesn't matter.
 - We should do everything we can do to reach out to them in love
 - No one ever said it would be easy, but a congregation at peace is worth all the work and effort.
 - Ephesians 4:1-3 - "I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...."

Wrapping things up...

- Love is the greatest commandment - Matt 22:35-40
- Love should define who we are - John 13:34-35
- Love is having to say I'm sorry
- Love is forgiving
- Love is expensive
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- Romans 14:19 - Pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another

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