

FOUNDATION OF FAITH

“ONENESS IN CHRIST JESUS”

INTRO

We are the body of Christ according to Ephesians 1:22,23; Col 1:18,24. The church is comprised of many members and each of us are obligated to the other (1 Cor 12:12-27). We are God's family and today we will study a few of our responsibilities to one another

I. HOSPITALITY

- “Use hospitality one to another without grudging” (1 Pet 4:9)
- Bible examples: Abraham in Gen 18:1-4; the Shumanite woman in 2 Kings 4:8-11 and Martha in Luke 10:38-42
- What are some ways we can practice hospitality today?
- What did Jesus say? Read Matt 25: 34-46

II. LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- “These things I command you, that ye love one another (John 15:17) This is that brotherly love
- It is what attracts others to Christ and validates your allegiance to Christ (Jn 13:35)
- We must love as Christ loves us, love others as we love ourselves, love fervently, genuinely

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

- Read James 5:16
- We sin when we do not pray for each other (1 Samuel 12:23)
- Examples: Paul in Phil 1:3,4, Moses in Ex. 32:31,32 and Jesus in John 17
- Who should we pray for? elders Heb13:17, preachers 1 Thess 5:25, the sick James 5:13-15, all members Phil 1:9-11

IV. CONFESS OUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER

- Read James 5:16
- God will forgive if we will confess 1 Jn 1:8-10
- Confess our weakness to get assistance
- Confess an offense to and ask forgiveness
- Our confession should be as public as our sin
- Example: The prodigal son Lk 15

V. CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER

- Read Heb. 10:24
- Consider one another's feelings (Phil 2:4)
- Consider another's influence & reputation (Matt 5:13-16)
- Consider another's conscience (Rom 14:15,21)

VI. SERVE ONE ANOTHER

- Service...Read Gal 5:13
- You are great when you serve (Matt 20:26-28)
- When we serve others we serve the Lord

VII. EXHORT ONE ANOTHER

- “But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb 3:13)
- Be a Barnabas Acts 4:36; 11:23

VIII. COMFORT ONE ANOTHER

- “Wherefore comfort one another with these words (1 Thess 4:18)
- Times of difficulty (financial, illness, bereavement)
- What are some ways we can comfort one another in these cases?