

Putting Things In Perspective

Brotherly Affection

2 Peter 1:1 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and Godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with Godliness, 7 and Godliness with **brotherly affection**, and **brotherly affection** with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

philadelphia – Feminine _____

- ❖ love of brothers or sisters, brotherly love
- ❖ in the NT the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren

philadelphos - _____

- ❖ loving brother or sister
- ❖ in a broader sense, loving one like a brother, loving one's fellow countrymen
- ❖ of an Israelite
- ❖ of a Christian loving Christians

Less About the Need to Love (That will come next week) and More About Being _____ One to Another.

How do you _____ your brother and/or sister in Christ?

Do you _____ your brother and/or sister in Christ?

Who Is My Neighbor? - Who Is My Brother/ Sister?

Luke 10: 25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

- ❖ Did the Good Samaritan _____ the man in need?
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- ❖ Did the Good Samaritan _____ with the man in need?
- ❖ Was it _____ for the Good Samaritan to be kind to the man in need?
- ❖ Was it _____ _____ for the Good Samaritan to help the man in need?
- ❖ Did the Good Samaritan _____ a thank you or even acknowledgement for his act of kindness?

Who is Your Brother?

- ❖ Is there someone in the church body that you _____ often and wonder why you are _____ them?
- ❖ Is there someone who is _____ by themselves?
- ❖ Is there someone who is _____ as quickly as they can after the service has ended?

Now that you see someone who you can reach out to ... how do we _____ brotherly affection?

Hebrews 12: 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 13: 13 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. 4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

- ❖ Show hospitality to _____
- ❖ Remember those who are in _____
- ❖ Remember those who are _____
- ❖ Let marriage be held in _____
 - _____ your spouse
 - _____ other people's marriage
- ❖ Keep your life _____ from love of money
- ❖ Be _____ with what you have
- ❖ Remember your _____

Love of Our Brothers and Sisters is Held On the Same Level as Our Love For God

1 John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot[a] love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

More Ways to Show Brotherly Affection

[Marks of the True Christian]

Romans 12: 9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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- ❖ Be fervent in _____
- ❖ _____ the Lord
- ❖ _____ in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer
- ❖ _____ to the needs of the saints
- ❖ Seek to show _____
- ❖ Bless those who _____ you (*This may be believers!!*)
- ❖ _____ with those who rejoice
- ❖ _____ with those who weep
- ❖ Live in _____ with one another
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- ❖ If possible, so far as it _____ on you, live peaceably with all.
- ❖ Never _____ yourselves
- ❖ But _____ evil with good