

INTRODUCTION

- * FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... *The Shadow of Christ, The Life of Christ, The Return of Christ, The Reign of Christ* ... *The Reflection of Christ*
- * **What we say, and how we live, is a reflection of Who, or what, is residing and reigning in our heart! ... both individually and collectively**
- * Two weeks ago we began considering the Interactions of the Church (those “one another” passages of the New Testament). We have considered the Biblical commands to love one another and serve one another.
- * As we seek to fulfill those commands within the context of the local body there will be times that there will be “special” people who make loving and serving “a little more difficult.”
- * It is in those instances that we are told to “bear with one another.”

INSTRUCTION

I. THE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

A. **The Building** (cf. I Cor 3:9-17; Eph 2:19-22; I Pt 2:4-5)

B. **The Bride** (cf. Jn 3:29)

C. **The Body** (cf. Eph 1:22-23; Eph 4:1-7)

II. THE INTERACTIONS OF THE CHURCH

A. **Loving One Another** (cf. I John 4:7-12; John 13:34-35; John 15: 10-13)

1. THE COMMAND TO LOVE (cf. I Jn 4:7; Jn 13:34; 15:13)
2. THE BASIS OF LOVE (cf. I John 4:7-8, 11)
3. THE PRIORITY OF LOVE (cf. Matthew 22:37-38; I John 4: 20-21; Mt 5:43-44; Lk 6: 27-35)
4. THE MANIFESTATION OF LOVE (cf. I John 4:10; I Peter 1:22-23; I John 3:16-18; John 15:13)

B. **Serving One Another**

1. THE CALL TO SERVANTHOOD (cf. Galatians 5:13-15; Matthew 6:24; Romans 6:16-18; John 8: 31-35)
2. THE CAUSE OF SERVANTHOOD (Galatians 5: 13-15; John 13:1-17, 34-35; 15:10-15)
3. THE COST OF SERVANTHOOD (Galatians 5:13-15; I Peter 2: 11-16; Philippians 2: 1-5; I Thess 1:9-10)
4. THE COMMENDATION OF SERVANTHOOD (cf. Mark 10:42-45; Matthew 20:27)

C. **Bearing With One Another**

1. ITS S _____ (cf. Ephesians 4:2; Galatians 6:2)
2. ITS D _____ (cf. Ephesians 4: 3; Colossians 3: 15; Romans 15: 6)
3. ITS R _____
 - a. S _____ (cf. Galatians 6:4; Romans 12:3; Colossians 3: 12; Matthew 7: 1-5)
 - b. H _____ (cf. Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 3:12)
 - c. G _____ (cf. Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 3:12; Galatians 6: 1)
 - d. L _____ (cf. Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 3:12)
4. ITS I _____ (cf. Ephesians 4: 31-32; Colossians 3: 13)

D. **Receiving One Another** (6/17)

E. **Edifying One Another** (6/24)

F. **Praying For One Another** (7/1)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW WELL DO YOU GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE IN THIS LOCAL BODY?
- * WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO FACILITATE THE UNITY AND PEACE OF THIS BODY?
- * WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE CAUSE STRUGGLES TO OTHERS?
ARE THEY ISSUES TO PUSH, OR DIVIDE OVER?
- * DO YOU HAVE A “TEAM” CONCEPT OF THE BODY – OR AN “INDIVIDUAL” CONCEPT?