

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**
- * As we have been considering the Interactions of the Church (those “one another” passages of the New Testament). We have considered the Biblical commands to love one another, to serve one another, to bear with one another and to receive one another.
- * The primary interaction is like that of the primary command – to love. As we are to love God with all our heart, soul and mind – so, we are to love one another. Each of the other “one another” commands is an expression of that primary relational interaction.
- * Today, we will consider another of these “one another” expressions – edifying 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. Mt 22:37-38; I Jn 4: 20-21; Mt 5:43-44; Lk 6: 27-35)
4. THE MANIFESTATION OF LOVE (cf. I Jn 4:10; I Pt 1:22-23; I Jn 3:16-18; Jn 15:13)

B. **Serving One Another**

1. THE CALL TO SERVANTHOOD (cf. Gal 5:13-15; Mt 6:24; Rom 6:16-18; Jn 8: 31-35)
2. THE CAUSE OF SERVANTHOOD (Gal5: 13-15; Jn 13:1-17, 34-35; 15:10-15)

3. THE COST OF SERVANTHOOD (Gal 5:13-15; I Pt 2: 11-16; Phil 2: 1-5; I Th 1:9-10)
4. THE COMMENDATION OF SERVANTHOOD (cf. Mk 10:42-45; Mt 20:27)

C. **Bearing With One Another**

1. ITS STRENGTH (cf. Eph 4:2; Gal 6:2): love
2. ITS DESIRE: is for Peace
3. ITS REQUIREMENT
 - a. Self-Examination (Gal 6:4; Matt 7; Rom 12:3; II Cor 13:5)
 - b. Humility (cf. Eph 4:1; Col 3:12)
4. ITS IMPACT: Forgiveness

- c. Gentleness (cf. Eph 4:1; Col 3:12; Gal 6: 1)
- d. Longsuffering (cf. Eph 4:1; Col 3:12)

D. **Receiving One Another**

1. THE EXHORTATION (Rom 14:1 – 15:7)
 - a. The Command (14:1; 15:1-3,7; Acts 6:2-5)
 - b. The Comparative (cf. Rom 15:7)
2. THE EXCEPTIONS
 - a. Disputable Matters (cf. Rom 14: 1)
 - b. Discipline Matters (cf. I Corinthians 5; II Corinthians 2: 5-11)
3. THE EXHIBITION (cf. Rom 12:10)
 - a. The Holy Kiss (cf. Rom 16:16; I Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; I Thess 5:26; I Pet 5:14)
 - b. The Right Hand of Fellowship (cf. Gal 2:9)

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

1. THE P_____ OF THE EDIFICATION OF THE BODY (cf. Ephesians 4: 13-14)
 - a. The Perfection of U_____
 - b. The Perfection of D_____
2. THE P_____ OF THE EDIFICATION OF THE BODY
 - a. The L_____ (cf. Ephesians 4: 11-12)
 - b. The L_____ (cf. Ephesians 4: 16,29; I Cor 14:26-31; Heb 10:24-25; I Thess 4:14-18; 5:11)
3. THE P_____ OF THE EDIFICATION OF THE BODY
 - a. Your S_____ (cf. Ephesians 4:17)
 - b. Your S_____
 - i. CHARACTERIZED BY TRUTH (cf. Ephesians 4:15, 25; Colossians 3:9)
 - ii. CHARACTERIZED BY LOVE (cf. Ephesians 4:15)
 - iii. CHARACTERIZED BY PRAISE (cf. Ephesians 5: 19)
 - iii. CHARACTERIZED BY ENCOURAGEMENT (cf. Hebrews 10:24-25; Romans 15:13-14; I Thess 4:18; 5:11)
 - c. Your S_____ (cf. Ephesians 5:21; I Corinthians 14: 26-31; Romans 14:19; 15:1-3)

F. P_____ One Another

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT ARE YOU PURPOSEFULLY DOING TO EDIFY OTHERS IN THIS LOCAL ASSEMBLY?
- * IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU NEED TO GROW IN THIS AREA?
- * WHAT TOPICS FILL YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS?
... AND THAT WHICH YOU SING, OR LISTEN TO?
- * DO YOU ULTIMATELY WANT THIS ASSEMBLY TO RESEMBLE YOU, OR CHRIST?