

We Need Each Other

[Matthew 12:46-50](#)

- **Social Beings**
- **BRO. & SIS.**
- **WORKERS**
- **SOLDIERS**
- **CITIZENS**
- **MEMBERS**

About two months ago, we met someone who shared, that they were out of duty, spiritually, because of the behavior of someone in the church (not here, but nearby), implying that they gave up on God, and gave up on their brethren. ...Such news broke our heart.

...Which was a reminder of how important the **BLESSED** relationship we **ENJOY** with others **IN** Christ, **IS**. And so, the lesson this morning, is simply entitled: “**WE NEED EACH OTHER**”.

We'll begin with **Some QUESTIONS** for our consideration...

- Have we ever **CONSIDERED** what it would be like, with**OUT** one another?
- What it would be like, without the relationship we **ENJOY** with others, **IN** Christ?

I suggest, that **we DO indeed, NEED** each other. ...AND therefore, Bitterness, envy, wrath, jealousy, strife, hurt feelings and vengeful motives, **TOSS** those things, **OUT** the window of our minds. We don't want, to have anything to do, with **THOSE** things. ...those are the **DISTRACTIONS** of the devil.

In **TEAM** sports, each **ATHLETE** is chosen based upon their strength and ability to **CONTRIBUTE** to the team and ultimately **WIN** the trophy. The **ATHLETE** practices, prepares and **AIMS** their focus, on **MASTERING** their strengths.

Rather than focusing on one's strengths, have you ever considered what the **OUTCOME** would be, if an **ATHLETE** stayed focused on his or her weaknesses, failures or mistakes? ...probably not too good. ☺

In the church, some get down in the mouth, discouraged, for the mistakes **THEY'VE** made or possibly for the mistakes made by **OTHERS**.

Some have **ABANDONED** God and their brethren, because they were so focused on those **MISTAKES** of the past. ...Brethren, such ought **NOT** to be so.

Don't press the **REWIND** button, and relive the **MISTAKES** of the past – **DON'T do it!** ...The Bible says,

- “No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking BACK, is **FIT** for the kingdom of God.” ([Lk.9:62](#)).

It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to look back and **PRESS ON** spiritually. We can't please God that way... Christians don't look back...

- We “**PRESS toward** the **MARK**, for the **PRIZE**, of the high **CALLING** of God, **IN** Christ Jesus.” ([Phil.3:14](#)).
- We “**SET** ...our affection, on things **ABOVE**, not on things, **ON** the earth.” ([Col.3:2](#)).

When we consider our brethren and our influence on them, I'm confident we'll forget about self. ...We'll forget about any **HURT** feelings of the **PAST**.

We need to remember that **NONE** of us are perfect – that we **ALL**

- “sin and fall **SHORT** of the glory of God” ([Rom.3:23](#)),

Like falling off the bicycle, we don't stop trying, we get back up and **RIDE** –

- that is, we “**REPENT**” ([Lk.13:3](#)),

and keep on **KEEPING** on –

- that is, we “**remain** **FAITHFUL** unto death” ([Rev.2:10](#))
- We “**ENDURE** unto the End” ([Matt.24:13](#))

I'm confident, that the **ATHLETE** who thinks negatively, who **DWELLS** on weaknesses, mistakes, AND failures of the past, **WOULD FAIL miserably** at their sport, and would render themselves **USELESS** to the team.

In like fashion, Christians need to stay **CLEAR** of dwelling on weaknesses, mistakes or **REPENTED sins of the PAST** – those **DISTRACTIONS** of the devil.

We need to stay **INTENTLY** focused, on our spiritual **STRENGTHS**, both individually and collectively, to **CONTRIBUTE**, to **LEADING** ourselves and others to **HEAVEN**. – our **ETERNAL** prize.

We ought to do everything we can, to **PRESERVE** the relationship, that we **EACH** have, with one another **IN** Christ.

- It ought to be **PRIZED** – It ought to be **PRECIOUS** to us.
- We ought to be **THANKFUL** for one another.

We ought **NOT, EVER**, that is **NEVER**, give the devil an **OPPORTUNITY** within **US**, to do those things,

- that will **HINDER** that relationship, ...that will **SLANDER** it, ...that will **BLEMISH** it,
- that will **MAR** it, ...that will **ERODE** it, ...that will **TEAR DOWN** and **DESTROY** it.

As a reminder, one of the seven things that God **HATES** – One of those things that is, an **ABOMINATION** to Him,

- **IS**, “he that soweth **DISCORD** among brethren” ([Prov.6:19](#)).

God hates that. An individual that will set to destroy this **PRECIOUS** relationship.

God hates the **DEEDS** of one, who would sow **STRIFE** among brethren.

We are **VERY** blessed, in that we don't have that problem here, **THANKFULLY**.

But because the church can be very **FRAGILE**, and because the devil is so active to **DESTROY** us, it is good, to **REMIND** ourselves, of this **PRECIOUS** relationship, that we have and enjoy **IN** Christ.

Paul stated in [Phil.4:2](#),

- “I **BESEECH** Euodias, and **BESEECH** Syntyche, that they be **OF**, the **SAME** mind, **IN** the Lord.”
- Another version says, “I **URGE** Euodias and I **URGE** Syntyche, to live in **HARMONY**, in the Lord.”
- In [Matt.5:9](#), we are told, “Blessed are the **PEACEMAKERS**: for they shall be called the **CHILDREN** of God.”

Also the Bible tells us in [Rom.14:19](#),

- “Let us therefore **FOLLOW** after (that is, **PURSUE**) the things which make for **PEACE**, and **THINGS** wherewith, one may **EDIFY** another (that is, one may encourage or build up, one another).”

Christians don't pursue ways to tear **DOWN** one another. ...that's the work of the devil.

but rather we,

- “Endeavour to **KEEP**, the unity of the Spirit, **IN** the bond of **PEACE**” ([Eph.4:3](#)).

This morning, I'd like for us to **CONSIDER** this relationship and once again, try to be reminded, concerning its **SPIRITUAL** beauty and depth.

FIRST of all, we need to understand, that by God's **WISDOM**, according to **HIS** creation,

I. **God Made Us SOCIAL Beings.**

[Gen.2:18](#) is all we need, to understand that. God looked at Adam AND in the state of being alone...

- “the LORD God said, It is **NOT good**, that the man should be **ALONE**;
I will **MAKE** him, an **HELP meet FOR** him (that is, one suitable, for him).”

In [Rom.14:7](#), Paul by inspiration said,

- “For **NONE** of us, **LIVETH** to himself, and no man **DIETH** to himself.”

God intended that we **FORM** scriptural relationships and **BUILD** scriptural relationships, one with another. By God's wisdom, He made us **SOCIAL** creatures and thus, **we NEED each other**. ☺

I think it is also good to point out, that it has always been Important with God,

A. **How Individuals TREAT Each Other.**

No doubt about that – Remember [Gal.6:10](#)?

- “As we **HAVE** therefore opportunity, let us **DO good**, unto **ALL men**”

In [Lev.19:18](#), we find these words,

- “Thou shalt **NOT** avenge, nor **BEAR** any grudge, **AGAINST** the children of thy people, but thou shalt **LOVE** thy neighbour **AS** thyself: **I AM** the **LORD**.”

A guiding principle behind human conduct is [Matt.7:12](#).

- “Therefore **ALL things**, whatsoever ye **WOULD**, that men should **DO** to you, **DO** ye, **EVEN** so to them: for **THIS** is the law and the prophets.”

We need to keep in mind, that God is **CONCERNED** about how we **TREAT** one another.

We are **SOCIAL** Beings. God wants us to **FORM** relationships, to **BUILD** relationships.

and to **MAINTAIN** them, in a scriptural or Biblical way. Again, the Bible says,

- “Endeavouring to **KEEP**, the unity of the Spirit, **IN** the bond of **PEACE**” ([Eph.4:3](#)).

All of these things that we've discussed, **TEACH** us again, they **REMIND** us, that brethren, **we need each other**. **We NEED each other** – We are social creatures!

God has formed his spiritual body in such a way, that we as **MEMBERS** thereof – **We NEED each other**. We can't get to heaven alone – it's gonna take **EACH** of us, working **TOGETHER**, to obtain the **ETERNAL** prize.

Have you noticed the number of times,

B. The Word “TOGETHER”, is used in the Bible?

Emphasizing again, that **we NEED** each other.

The Bible says

- “**STAND** fast, in **ONE** spirit, with **ONE** mind striving **TOGETHER**, for the faith of the **GOSPEL**,” ([Phil.1:27](#))

How do we strive **TOGETHER** for the faith of the gospel?

- by **STANDING** fast, in **ONE** spirit, with **ONE** mind
- ...that is, with Biblical unity – with Biblical **LOVE** for both God and for one another.
- “let **US** walk, by the **SAME** rule, let **US** mind, the **SAME** thing” ([Phil.3:16](#)).
- “O magnify the **LORD** **WITH** me, and let **US** exalt His Name **TOGETHER**” ([Psalm 34:3](#)).
- “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the **NAME** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye **ALL** speak the **SAME** thing, and that there be **NO** divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined **TOGETHER**, in the **SAME** mind, and in the **SAME** judgment” ([1Cor.1:10](#)).

So once again, **we NEED** each other. We need to understand, the **RELATIONSHIP** that we’re talking about. As we’ve said, **CONSIDER** it as, precious, prize it, **PROTECT** it, and never **DO** those things, in that relationship, that will **HINDER** it.

Let’s talk a moment about the christian and his/her relationship with our brothers and sisters **IN** Christ,

- This will be a Biblical reminder, of how **IMPORTANT**, this relationship **IS**.
- A reminder of how closely knit **TOGETHER**, we really are.

The Bible says,

- We ought to be “knit **TOGETHER**, in love” ([Col.2:2](#)).
- “By **THIS**, shall all *men* **KNOW**, that ye **ARE** My disciples, **IF** ye have **LOVE** one to another” ([Jn.13:35](#)).
- “We **KNOW**, that we have passed from death unto **LIFE**, because we **LOVE** the brethren. He that loveth **NOT** his brother, abideth in **DEATH**.” ([1Jn.3:14](#)).

When we **PURIFIED** our souls, in **OBEYING** the Truth, **THROUGH** the Spirit, ...We **DID** so,

- “unto unfeigned **LOVE** of the brethren, therefore, **SEE** that ye **LOVE** one another with a **PURE** heart **FERVENTLY**: ²³ being **BORN** again, **NOT** of corruptible **SEED**, but of **INCORRUPTIBLE**, **BY** the Word of God, which **LIVETH** and **ABIDETH** for ever.” ([1Pet.1:22-23](#)).

As we think about our relationship, keep in mind, first and **FOREMOST**, that we are part of the,

I. **SAME Family**

We're part of the Same **SPIRITUAL** family, through the Blood of Christ, which makes us blood kin. Consider if you will, [John 3:5](#), when Jesus says,

- “**EXCEPT** a man, be **BORN** of water and of the Spirit, he can**NOT** enter into the **KINGDOM** of God.”

We understand that to **ENTER** this spiritual family, his church or his kingdom (all synonymous terms), We have to take part, in a **NEW** birth. Just like we are **PHYSICALLY** born into our physical **FAMILY**, we are **SPIRITUALLY** born into God's spiritual **FAMILY**.

- It's a **BIRTH** of water and of the spirit ([Jn.3:5](#));
- We're baptized **INTO** Christ, to put **ON** Christ ([Gal.3:26-27](#)).
- Our sins are **WASHED** away in that new birth ([Acts 22:16](#))
- And in the new birth, The Lord **ADDS** us to His church or his spiritual family (read [Acts 2:41](#), [Acts 2:47](#); [1Cor.12:13](#)).

Listen to this passage:

- “**IF** children, then heirs; **HEIRS** of God, and **JOINT-heirs** **WITH** Christ; **IF** so be, that we suffer **WITH** Him, that we **MAY** be also, glorified **TOGETHER**.” ([Rom.8:17](#))
- Notice that, **IF** we are children of God, **THEN** we are **JOINT-HEIRS** **WITH** Christ. We're going to be glorified **TOGETHER**, **IF** we remain **IN** Christ.

In [1Tim.3:15](#), Paul is writing to Timothy and he's writing, lest he is delayed in coming, ...he says,

- “But **IF** I tarry long, that thou mayest **KNOW**, **HOW** thou oughtest to **BEHAVE** thyself, **IN** the house of God, which is the church of the **LIVING** God, the pillar and **GROUND** of the Truth.”
- Paul says, I want you to know, **HOW** to conduct yourself, in God's household – in God's **FAMILY**.

Here, they've been **BAPTIZED** into Christ. ...They've been **ADDED** to the church. They are now **PART** of God's family. They're brothers and sisters **IN** Christ now, and we **NEED** to know how to **CONDUCT** ourselves, as **FAMILY** members.

In [2Cor.6:17-18](#), Paul is telling the Corinthians to,

- “come **OUT** from among them, and be ye **SEPARATE**, saith the Lord, and touch **NOT** the unclean thing; and I will **RECEIVE** you. And will be a FATHER unto you, and ye shall be My SONS and DAUGHTERS, saith the Lord Almighty.” (that's [2Cor.6:17-18](#))

Now notice again, the **CONCEPT** of the family.

By virtue of that **NEW** birth, we're a **PART** of that spiritual **FAMILY**.

In that family, we have God the Father, but we also have **OTHER** brothers and sisters.

That's true; because, God says,

- I “will be a **FATHER** unto you, and ye shall be my **SONS** and **DAUGHTERS**” ([2Cor.6:18](#)).

God has **OTHER** sons. God has **OTHER** daughters.

Those other **SONS** and other **DAUGHTERS** are everyone who have rendered **OBEDIENCE** to Christ and His gospel. ...That's our **BROTHER**. ...That's our **SISTER**.

Just like any other Biblical Truth, it is good, to **REMIND** ourselves, how to **CONDUCT** ourselves, in the **HOUSEHOLD** of God – in God's **FAMILY**.

In [Mk.10:23](#), Jesus had previously asked the question:

- “How **HARDLY**, shall they that **HAVE** riches, **ENTER** into the kingdom of God!”.

And prior to that, Jesus informed a man to

- “**SELL** whatsoever thou hast, and **GIVE** to the poor, and thou shalt have **TREASURE** in heaven: and **COME**, take up the cross, and **FOLLOW** me. And he was **SAD** at that saying, and **WENT** away **GRIEVED**: for he had **GREAT** possessions” ([Mk.10:21-22](#)).

Then Peter began to say unto Jesus,

- “Lo, we have **LEFT** all, and have **FOLLOWED** thee” ([Mk.10:28](#)).
- ²⁹ And Jesus **ANSWERED** and said, Verily I say unto you, There is **NO** man that hath **LEFT** house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for **MY** sake, and the gospel's,
³⁰ **BUT** he shall **RECEIVE** an hundredfold,
NOW, IN THIS TIME, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, **WITH** persecutions; and **IN** the world to come, **ETERNAL** life” ([Mk.10:28-30](#)).

Jesus points out, that

- **NO** man who has given **UP**, brothers, sisters, and houses, but will in **THIS** life, receive a hundred **FOLD** of brothers and sisters and houses and mothers.

What's the point? When you become a child of God, you **ENTER** into the family. You have **MORE** brothers and sisters and mothers now.

Jesus really taught in [Matt.12:46-50](#), that there is **NO** relationship, that **SUPERCEDES** this one, that we're talking about – the **SPIRITUAL** family **OF** God.

ALL of us, brothers and sisters **IN** Christ – United **TOGETHER** with God.

...Through our **CONTINUAL** obedience **TO** God, We're part of the **SAME** family.

Jesus says, **WHO** is my mother? **WHO** are my brethren?

The one that **HEARS** the Word of God and **DOES** it – the **SAME** is my sister, my brother and my mother and so we're part of the **SAME** family. (Read and study [Matt.12:46-50](#)).

Remember, the Bible says,

- “As we **HAVE** therefore opportunity, let us **DO** good unto **ALL** men, especially, **ESPECIALLY** unto them who are **OF** the household of **FAITH** (that is, the family of faith)” ([Gal.6:10](#)).

There's something else to remember, concerning this **RELATIONSHIP**, We're also part of the,

II. **SAME Vineyard**

Workers in the same spiritual vineyard. In [Matt.9:37-38](#), Jesus said,

- "...unto His disciples, The **harvest TRULY** is **plenteous**, but the **LABOURERS** are **few**; **PRAY** ye therefore, the Lord of the **HARVEST**, that he will send forth **labourers INTO** His **harvest**."
- and so notice, Jesus is **LOOKING** for **laborers** – He's **LOOKING** for **workers**.

In [Matt.21:28](#), Jesus taught about a man, who had two sons, and the man said to the first,

- "Son, **GO work** today in my **vineyard**." ([Matt.21:28](#))
- "And he came to the second, and said likewise" ([Matt.21:30](#))

Notice, the **SONS** are **part** of the **SAME** **family**.

They are **workers TOGETHER**, in the **SAME vineyard**.

In [1Cor.3:9](#).

- Paul speaks about us being "**labourers TOGETHER** with God".
- I know in the immediate context, he's talking about the apostles and the labor that **THEY** are **performing**. but certainly there's nothing unscriptural with the concept, that **AS** we **labor** and **AS** we **work TOGETHER** for the Lord, we are **LABORERS together, WITH** Him.

Notice [2Cor.6:1](#),

- ..."workers **TOGETHER** with Him"
- Once again, this relationship – we're part of the **SAME family**.
- We are **WORKERS** in the **SAME VINEYARD**.

Think about this... We Serve in the,

III. SAME Army

We are fellow SOLDIERS. Notice the language of [2Tim.2:4](#).

- “No man that warreth” (that is, no soldier in **ACTIVE** duty)
ENTANGLETH himself with the affairs of THIS life; that he may **PLEASE** him
who hath **CHOSEN** him (that is, enlisted him) to be a **SOLDIER**.” (that’s [2Tim.2:4](#))

I’VE been, and YOU’VE been, **ENLISTED** as a soldier through **OBEDIENCE** to Christ.

It’s **NOT** an army of **ONE**. ...This is an army comprised of **EVERYONE**
who has rendered **OBEDIENCE** to their **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**, Christ Jesus.

- We labor **TOGETHER**.
- We serve in the **SAME** army.

You know really, there’s one verse that brings together all three of these points.

In [Phil. Chapter 2](#), Paul is talking about **Epaphroditus**.

He has to send this **BELOVED** brother back home – because he almost **DIED**, in the **SERVICE** of the Lord.
He hazarded his **OWN** life, to fill up what was **LACKING** on their part,
and in [Phil.2:25](#), Paul says concerning THIS man,

- “my **BROTHER**, and companion in **LABOUR**, and fellow **SOLDIER**,”

Now if you look at that closely, those are the **THREE** things we mentioned.

- He’s “my brother” – that is, We’re part of the **SAME** Spiritual family, or the same **HOUSEHOLD** of God.
- He’s my “companion in labour” – that is, We’re **WORKING** in the **SAME** spiritual **VINYARD**.
- He is a “fellow soldier”. – that is, we are **SERVING** – We’re spiritually **FIGHTING**,
in the **SAME** spiritual **ARMY**.

Paul wasn’t an army of **ONE**. ...He’s in God’s **ARMY** and has fellow **SOLDIERS**.

Which emphasizes our relationship **WITH** one another – that **we NEED** each other.

Think about another Biblical Truth, We are ALL part of the,

IV. SAME Spiritual Kingdom

Briefly, let's consider some spiritual TRUTHS revealed in [Ephesians chapter two](#).

- When we **BEGIN**, we'll notice, that man is **SEPARATED** from God; because of his **OWN** sin;
- but when we **LEAVE** that chapter, no longer strangers or aliens, but fellow CITIZENS – We are **JOINED** in God's **HOUSEHOLD** now.

Notice, Paul says,

- “And **YOU** hath he quickened, who **WERE** dead in trespasses and sins” ([Eph.2:1](#)).

Now **NOTE** that word “**WERE**”. ...“**W**”, “**E**”, “**R**”, “**E**”.

- Paul is showing what the Gentiles were **FORMERLY** – as compared to what they are **NOW**, in Christ Jesus.

As the chapter **BEGINS**:

- “**DEAD** in trespasses”. “**DEAD** in ...sins”.

If we **SKIP** down, **10 verses** later, Paul writes,

- “ye being in time PAST” ([Eph.2:11](#))

Notice that again – “In time PAST”,

- “Wherefore **REMEMBER**, that ye being **IN TIME PAST**, Gentiles **IN** the flesh, who are **CALLED** Uncircumcision, by that which is **CALLED** the Circumcision **IN** the flesh, **MADE** by hands; That at **THAT** time, ye **WERE** without Christ, being **ALIENS** (that is, **FOREIGNERS**) **FROM** the commonwealth of **ISRAEL**, and strangers, **FROM** the covenants of **PROMISE**, having **NO** hope, and with**OUT** God in the world” ([Eph.2:11-12](#)).

Look at [Eph.2:13](#),

- “But **NOW** in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes **WERE** far off, are made **NIGH**, by the blood of Christ.”

And so you **WERE** these things in time PAST – At that time, this was true – You **WERE** outside of Christ. You had **NOT** rendered obedience unto Him and so you **WERE** without God – Without **HOPE** in the world.

Then in [verse 14 of Ephesians chapter 2](#):

- “For **He** is our **PEACE**, who hath made **BOTH** one, and hath broken **DOWN**, the middle **WALL**, of partition **BETWEEN** us;”

He's talking about that **DIVIDING** wall between Jew and Gentile – Jesus broke it down.

- Here's what you Gentiles **WERE** in times past.
- You **WERE** dead in trespasses, You **WERE** dead in sins.
- You **WERE** without God, with**OUT** hope in this world,
- but **NOW**, ye who are **IN** Christ Jesus, have been brought **NEAR**.
You once **WERE**, **AFAR** off, but **NOW** you've been brought **NIGH**, by the blood of Christ.

Note this, ...**LOOK** what we've talked about. We mentioned, we're part of the **SAME** spiritual kingdom.

Now look at [Eph.2:19](#),

- “Now therefore, ye are **NO** more strangers and foreigners, **BUT** fellow **CITIZENS** **WITH** the saints, and **OF** the household of God;”

Ephesians two begins with, they're **DEAD**, they're **SEPARATED** from God; because of **SIN**.

- But Because of Christ – because of our God, His **MERCY**, His **GRACE** and His **LOVE**
- we've been brought **NIGH** by the blood of Christ Jesus.

And NOW, We're part of the **SAME** kingdom – **What a RELATIONSHIP** we enjoy!

Consider something else, We're ALL part of the,

V. SAME Body

We are members individually, of that **SAME** spiritual body.

When you read [1Cor.12:12-27](#), you notice,

- that there is **ONE** body, but there are many MEMBERS.

The Bible teaches that we **ALL** have a **PURPOSE**. ...We **ALL** have a **FUNCTION**, and in [1Cor.12:25-26](#),

- “That there should be **NO schism** (that is, **NO division**) **IN** the body; but that the **MEMBERS**, should **HAVE**, the **SAME care**, one **FOR** another. And whether **ONE member** suffer, **ALL** the members **SUFFER** with it; or **ONE member** be honoured, **ALL** the members **REJOICE** with it” ([1Cor.12:25-26](#)).

Members of the body or church, should **HAVE** the **SAME care**, one **FOR** another – We are **ONE!**

We **ALL** have a **PURPOSE**. We are all **EQUALLY important**.

The Bible teaches that even the unseemly member, has a **PURPOSE**.

In [1Cor. Chapter 12](#), God is talking about the **PHYSICAL body**. As we look at our physical BODY, there's not a **MEMBER** of the physical BODY, that we deem USELESS, to the **POINT**, that we do not **USE** it.

Have you ever hit your finger with the hammer, and I mean hit it good?

You are brought to remembrance IMMEDIATELY, that that finger or that thumb, is a part of your **WHOLE body**.

- Because your eyes **BULGE**, when you hit it.
- They not only bulge, they **WATER**;
- AND your mouth, **FLIES OPEN**;
- AND your vocal cords **YELL**;
- AND your feet start **SHUFFLING**.
- If you hit your finger good enough, your stomach will become **NAUSEATED**.

But, what is the Bible teaching in [1Cor.12:12-27](#)?

- It is teaching, that **ONE member** is a part of the **ENTIRE body**. – each of us are critically important – **WE ARE ONE!**

Brethren we need to keep these things in mind. The relationship that we enjoy,

- it is indeed so **PRECIOUS**, it ought to be **PRIZED**, It ought to be **PRESERVED**.
- As God has extended His Grace, When needed, we should be willing to extend unearned favor to each other.

Everything we **DO**, ought to be **DONE** with,

- “Endeavouring to **KEEP**, the unity of the Spirit, **IN** the bond of PEACE” ([Eph.4:3](#)).

Many points in this lesson... But one of them,

is that we might **CHERISH** and that we might **RESPECT** and **HONOR** this relationship that we all enjoy **IN** Christ. That we might **ENJOY** the relationship that God has caused us, to be a part of.

Not only that, but **ANOTHER point** to remember, as we've already said, that brethren, **GUESS WHAT?** ☺ ...**We NEED each other**.

- We need each other to **FUNCTION** as a family.
- We need each other to **EXIST** as a vineyard.
- **We NEED each other**, ...**we NEED each other!**

VI. IN-CONCLUSION

If you're not a **MEMBER** of what we're talking about ,

If you have never been **BORN** of water and of the spirit ([Jn.3:5](#)).

If you've never rendered **OBEDIENCE** to Christ in,

- **HEARING** His good news ([Rom.10:17](#))
- and Uniting it with **FAITH** ([James 1:22](#)),
- in **REPENTING** of past sins ([Lk.13:3](#)),
- and **CONFESSING** Christ as the son of God ([Matt.10:32-33](#); [Acts 8:37](#))
- and being immersed **INTO** Christ ([Gal.3:26-27](#); [Rom.6:3-5](#))
 - for the **REMISSIONS** of sins ([Acts 2:38](#)),
 - to **WASH** away thy sins ([Acts 22:16](#)),
 - To be **SAVED** ([1Pet.3:21](#); [Mark 16:16](#)).

...then we **ENCOURAGE** you, to **DO** just that.

- **BECOME** a part of this family, that we're talking about – this **SPIRITUAL** family, the church belonging to Christ.
- **WORK** with us, in the Lord's vineyard.
- Put **ON** the whole armor of God – **BECOME** a fellow soldier.
- **BE** a part of this glorious spiritual body, of which we're **ALL** members and working **TOGETHER**, to bring glory and honor to God.

If you're resolved to **OBEDY** the Christ – God is **GOOD** and he's ready to **FORGIVE**, [Psalm 86:5](#), and the brethren here, are ready to **RECEIVE** you into the fellowship of this local family, this vineyard, this body, this church.

If you have a **NEED**, don't delay,
COME, while **TOGETHER** we stand and as we sing.