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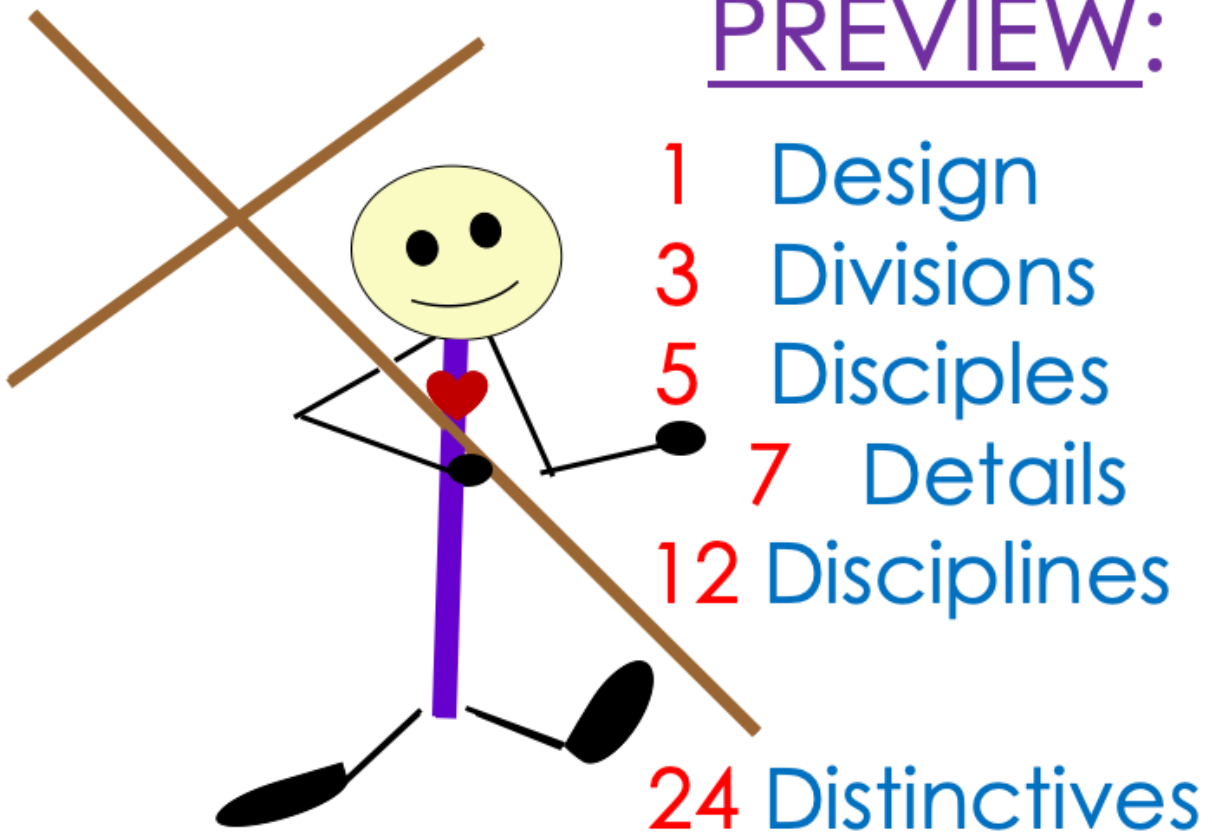
Loving One Another

1 John 3:18

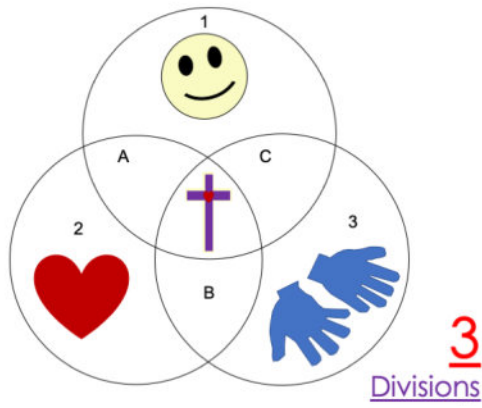
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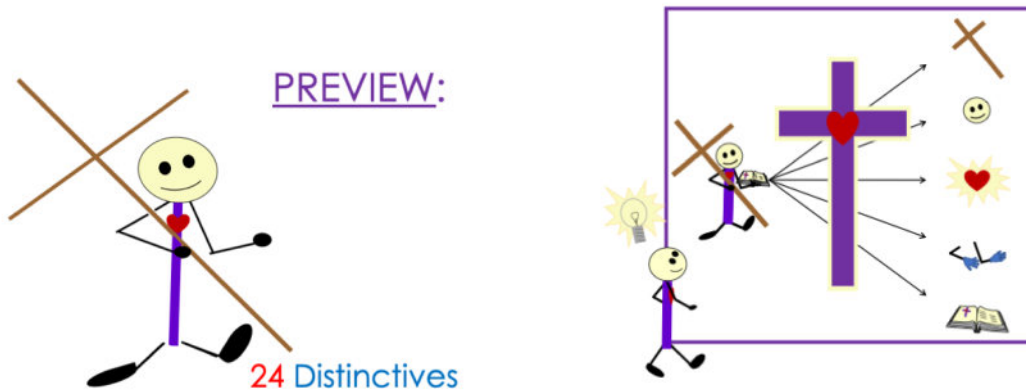


SECTION SIX: 12 Disciplines



The Disciple's "Hands" put into **action** the **truth** & **love** of God's Word, God's will, & God's ways. In short, when **each Christian's Head, Heart, & Hands** are united in purpose & power, the family of God is **living** as the **Body of Christ!**

24 Family Distinctives:

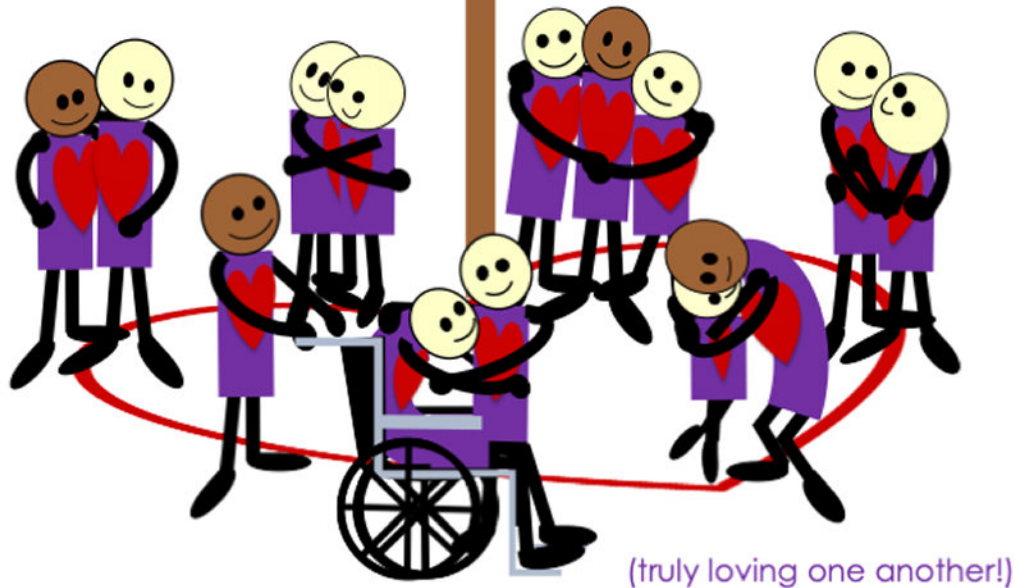


24 DISTINCTIVES:

The “**distinctives**” are a family portrait... When you add God’s Word, God’s Spirit, God’s Truth, God’s love, and God’s people all together, the **distinctives** are what **we look, love, & live like :-)**

We are...

Loving ^{one} another



INTRO:

As we begin to **see the beautiful, biblical portrait of Christ's faith-filled family** defined and described by God's Word, will, and ways, it is critical to remember that the Holy Bible is to ALWAYS BE our ultimate source, authority, and interpreter in ALL things pertaining to one's understanding of reality and application of truth in love.

Remember,
The biblical Church is Christ's missional family...
Moreover, God's Word reveals our Father's will and His family's ways.

[2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Here are ***24 defining & describing HANDS-on DISTINCTIVES of Christianity:***

True Christians are biblically, miraculously, intentionally, missionally, and imperfectly...

1. *Responding to grace*
2. *Repenting of sin*
3. *Trusting the Bible*
4. *Obeying God's Word*
5. *Growing in Christ*
6. *Living Spirit-led*
7. *Praying for guidance*
8. *Following by faith*
9. *Dying to self*
10. *Carrying our cross*
11. *BE-ing The Church*
12. *Loving one another (truly loving one another)*
13. *Equipping the saints*
14. *Exemplifying supernatural unity*
15. *Ministering as ambassadors*
16. *Discerning matters shrewdly*
17. *Worshipping God vertically*
18. *Experiencing Him horizontally*
19. *Proclaiming the Gospel (no matter what)*
20. *Fishing for men*
21. *Making disciplined warriors*
22. *Winning spiritual warfare*
23. *Loving our King*
24. *Serving His kingdom*

PRAYER:

LORD, we seek to bless You with all that is within us. Help us here, we pray, to be that blessing as we come to better understand You and Your eternal truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Help us to see with Your eyes and love with Your love, all that You would reveal to us through Your Word, Your will, and Your ways. May we grow in our grasp of Your realities, Your means of restoration, and Your mission of reproduction. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen and Amen

CONTEXT:

Macro

This lesson marks another major transition point in our curriculum's eye-opening explanation of Christianity. By way of review, we began in Section One with the reality of Almighty God having 1 Divine DESIGN (also known as a biblical worldview and the eternal application of Jesus Christ's Gospel). In Section Two, we addressed the 3 DIVISIONS (Head, Heart, and Hands) that make up the "being" in every human being. Next, in Section Three, we demonstrated how Christianity accounts for, defines, and describes all of humanity, every person, past, present, and future. We noted that all people can be identified as one of the 5 DISCIPLES – Lost, Lover, Learner, Leader, or Lifer. Moving forward, Section Four revealed, engaged, and explained the 7 fundamental DETAILS of God's Divine DESIGN... because **we all need to know what we need to know**. To be more specific, those seven truths are: The Foundations, The Framework, The Facts, The Fight, The Faith, The Family, and the truth about Forever.

Then, in Section Five, which we just completed, our focus shifted from HEAD based truths to 12 HEART shaping exercises or disciplines - each having the potential to strengthen one's personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and their collective mission: bringing God glory by finding & growing more glorifiers.

We used the acronym **J.E.S.U.S.'S. P. S.W.O.R.D.** to outline and harmonize a biblical, missional, and intentional methodology for growing in God's love - & His loving witness. The 12 HEART DISCIPLINES are: **J**ournaling... **E**ating-nothing (fasting)... **S**cripture-intake... **U**nderstudy of Scripture... **S**tewardship... **S**olitude... **P**rayer... **S**erving... **W**orshipping... **O**utreach... **R**elationships... and **D**evelopment.

Now, our curriculum and study will transition to The HANDS. This is where **Christians demonstrate to the world that Christ is in their worship & witness**. Whereas our time spent in the HEAD sections (1-4) focused on the truths that Christians need and seek to LEARN, and our concentration on the 12 HEART DISCIPLINES of section 5 helped us to grow in God's LOVE, our sixth and final section will **walk through the 24 DISTINCTIVES, which explain & exemplify how Christians are to faithfully LIVE... and fully BE The Church... together** – all by God's grace & ALL for His glory!

God's Word puts it this way:

"Let us not love with word and tongue but in action and truth." – 1st John 3:18

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, [47](#)praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. – Acts 2:46-47

I. **DISTINCTIVES are FRUIT:**

It is important to realize that God’s miraculous and authentic **Christian DISTINCTIVES are the FRUIT of saving grace and faith** (Ephesians 2:1-10). As Jesus described in John 15, people can do nothing outside of their abiding in Him and obeying His Word, will and ways. In short, there will be no fruit unless one remains attached to and provided for by the true Vine and divine Root. With that said, a cautionary note is worth sharing here, beware the counterfeits that abound around the world. ***Plastic fruit is deceptive vs. DISTINCTIVE!***

Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

II. **DISTINCTIVES are FAMILY:**



DISTINCTIVES, by definition, are those “distinguishing characteristics that are notable for having a special quality, style, and/or attractiveness” (Dictionary.com).

When it comes to God’s family, the true Church, each Christian and their individualistic DISTINCTIVES are as unique as their potential. At the same time, in the same way that a billion unique snowflakes can be combined to make a single snowstorm, or countless swatches of scrap fabric can be sewn together to make a single quilt, so it is with God’s family. The LORD creates His Christian family with a both/and combination of DISTINCTIVE uniqueness, as well as DISTINCTIVE love and defining unity.

Christianity’s DISTINCT family (ecclesia) has a DISTINCTIVE unity (koinonia).

“By this all people will know that you are My disciple, if you have love for one another.”

– John 13:35

“The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

III. **DISTINCTIVES are WITNESS:**

The most biblical and healthy understandings of Christianity will include an embrace of two overarching and DISTINCTIVE purposes. Namely, per God’s Word, will, and ways, every Christian has received miraculous, saving grace, as well as the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to:

1. Bring glory to God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.*

2. BE Christ’s witness.

Acts 1:8

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, **and you will be My witnesses** in Jerusalem (locally), and in all Judea and Samaria (regionally), and to the end of the earth (globally).”*

God’s DISTINCTIVE people have been filled with His Holy Spirit for the express purpose of living DISTINCTIVE lives. When the world sees the LORD’s loving family living out their divinely empowered and God-honoring worship, work, and warfare, the resulting fruit will serve as a faithful witness, built with supernatural, grace-based, and missional DISTINCTIVES.

“God created me—and you—to live with a single, all-embracing, all-transforming passion—namely, a passion to glorify God by enjoying and displaying his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life.”

- John Piper

The Christian Distinctive

What distinguishes Christianity from all other religions is that it is a *revealed* religion. Christianity is not about our search for God or our means of finding him. Christianity is not a religion that works its way upward. It is all about God coming to us — God in grace making himself known to us and making a way for us to enjoy fellowship with him.

And so, at the very heart of Christianity is, simply, a message — a message from God to us about what he has done to bring us to himself.

If Christianity is distinctively revealed religion, then it is also uniquely *authoritative*. It does not offer itself as the best and highest of human thinking about God or even the best or most successful of human efforts to know God. It professes to be nothing less than the unique word from God, his very own self-disclosure and the record of the actions he has taken in Jesus Christ to bring us into fellowship with himself.

One of Rudyard Kipling's characters declares, "The heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone; He don't obey no orders unless they is his own." That is to say, human religions lack authority — they form their own ideas and "discover" their own beliefs.

By contrast the Christian is "under orders," because unlike human religions, Christianity is a revealed religion — divinely revealed. We Christians are not our own touchstone of truth, and we do not confuse our ideas about God with His own self-revelation. We learn truth about God not from "inner lights" within ourselves but from God's own objective Word.

And apart from this external authority, there is no Christianity. This, at bottom, is Christianity's leading distinctive.

And so, we **Christians prize Scripture as God's Word. We joyfully submit to it. And we enthusiastically proclaim its message of grace in Jesus Christ to the world.**

- Dr. Fred Zaspel

Micro

***The One true God is love. The One true Christ is God.
God's one true Church truly loves like Christ.***

1 John 4:16

*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.***

Message

What does it mean to love one another?

In [John 13:34](#) Jesus taught, *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."* Then He added, *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"* (verse 35). How do we do this?

The "one another" in these verses is a reference to fellow believers. A distinguishing mark of being a follower of Christ is a deep, sincere love for brothers and sisters in Christ. The apostle John reminds us of this fact elsewhere: *"He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister"* ([1 John 4:21](#)).

In giving this command, **Jesus did something the world had never seen before—He created a group identified by one thing: love.** There are many groups in the world, and they identify themselves in any number of ways: by skin color, by uniform, by shared interest, by alma mater, etc. One group has tattoos and piercings; another group abstains from meat... the ways people categorize themselves are endless. But **the church is unique.** For the first and only time in history, Jesus created a group whose identifying factor is love. Skin color doesn't matter. Native language doesn't matter. There are no rules about diet or uniforms or wearing funny hats. Followers of Christ are identified by their love for each other.

The early church demonstrated the type of love Jesus was talking about. There were people in Jerusalem from all over the known world ([Acts 2:9-11](#)). Those who were saved got together and immediately began meeting each other's needs: *"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need"* ([Acts 2:44-45](#)). This was love in action, and you can be sure it made an impression on the people of that city.

Jesus' statements in [John 13:34-35](#) raise a couple of other questions that may be good to answer. First, how does Jesus love? He loves unconditionally ([Romans 5:8](#)), sacrificially

([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)), with forgiveness ([Ephesians 4:32](#)), and eternally ([Romans 8:38-39](#)). At the same time, Jesus' love is holy—characterized by transcendent moral purity—because He is holy ([Hebrews 7:26](#)). The culmination of Christ's amazing love for us is His death on the cross, burial, and bodily resurrection ([1 John 4:9-10](#)). Believers are to love each other like that.

Second, how then can the believer in Christ love as Christ loved? The believer in Christ has the Holy Spirit living within him ([1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)). **By obeying the Spirit, through the Word of God, the believer can love like Christ does.** He shows that unconditional, sacrificial, forgiving love to fellow believers, but it doesn't stop there. He also shows the love of Christ to friends, to family members, to coworkers, etc. ([Ephesians 5:18-6:4](#); [Galatians 5:16, 22-23](#)). Even enemies are the recipients of Christ's love (see [Matthew 5:43-48](#)).

Christ's love displayed through the believer is unlike the "love" generated by the flesh, which can be selfish, egotistical, unforgiving, and insincere. [First Corinthians 13:4-8](#) gives a wonderful description of what Christ's love will be like in and through the believer who walks in the Spirit.

People don't naturally love with a [1 Corinthians 13](#)-type love. To love like that, there must be a change of heart. A person must realize that he is a sinner before God and understand that Christ died on the cross and rose again to provide him forgiveness; then he must make the decision to accept Christ as his personal Savior. At that point he is forgiven by Christ and receives God's gift of eternal life—in fact, he becomes a participant in the divine nature ([2 Peter 1:4](#)). **In Christ he knows that he is genuinely loved by God. The new life the believer receives includes a new capacity to love like Christ loves,** for the believer now has living within him the unconditional, sacrificial, forgiving, eternal, and holy love of God ([Romans 5:5](#)).

To love one another is to love fellow believers as Christ loves us. Those who love like Christ in the Holy Spirit's power will give evidence that they are disciples... of Jesus Christ.

– [GotQuestions.org](#)

BIG IDEA: **Truly LOVING The LORD & ONE ANOTHER, per God's Word, will, & ways, is validating fruit & missional proof of one's miraculous, born-again membership in God's faith family.**

PREVIEW:

1. TRULY
2. LOVING
3. ONE ANOTHER

TEXT:

1 John 3:18

Let us not love with word and tongue but in action and in truth.

1. TRULY

Illustration:

We don't come to church, to be a church. We come to Christ, and then we are built up as a church. If we come to church just to be with one another, one another is all we'll get. And it isn't enough. Inevitably, our hearts will grow empty, and then angry. If we put community first, we will destroy community. But if we come to Christ first and submit ourselves to Him and draw life from Him, community gets traction.
- C.S. Lewis

Explanation:

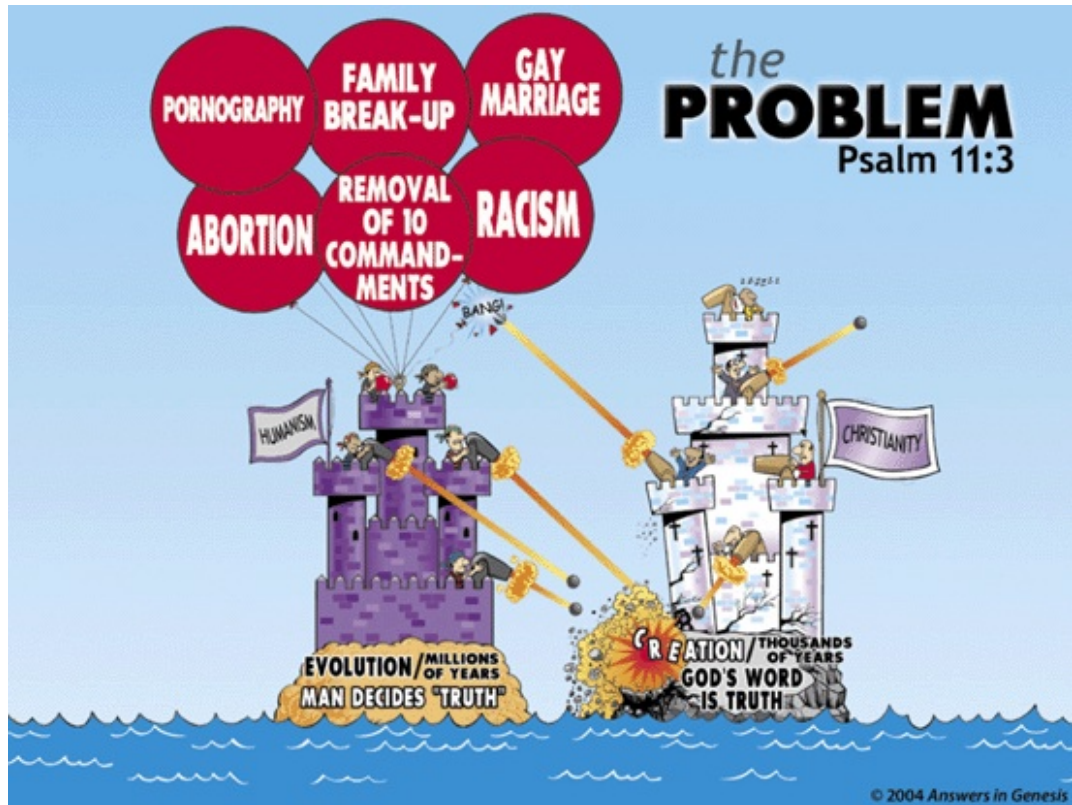
By definition, "TRULY" means, in a broad context, factual, legitimate, representing truth, genuinely, honestly, really, rightly, properly, exactly, etc. In short, **TRULY is TRUTH's core character. It is TRUTH in Christ-like application.**

By contrast, the opposite of TRULY is falsely, deceptive, disingenuous, misguided, fake, hypocritical, manipulative, lying, etc. One can quickly see that **TRUTH and TRULY have enemies!**

Think about it... only when one realizes that Jesus IS Truth (John 14:6) and every syllable of Scripture, His Word, The Bible, is TRULY God-breathed and divinely-inspired (2 Timothy 3:16-17) can the weight and importance of trustworthy TRUTH being TRULY represented begin to receive its proper respect and appreciation.

God's enemies know that His TRUTH threatens to expose their lies. Consequently, in spiritual, emotional, and cultural arenas, there is a war underway for the hearts, minds, perceptions, and priorities of individuals, as well as the largest collections of cohesive people and diverse people-groups.

Sadly, as the folks at “Answers In Genesis” have so aptly depicted below, much, if not the vast majority of the professing Christian church, lives distracted, deceived, and openly destructive lives, largely due to their lack of commitment to God’s TRUTH and TRULY Christ-like, biblical and missional LOVING of ONE ANOTHER. Sometimes a picture really is worth 1,000 words.



Application:

Learn God’s truth. Love God’s truth. TRULY live God’s truth.
No more, no less, no matter what!

2. LOVING

Illustration:

“To love someone means to see him as God intended him.”
- Fyodor Dostoevsky

How would you personally answer (or encourage others to answer) the following question? *Is Christian LOVE and LOVING a feeling, a witness, a privilege, a responsibility, a blessing, a fruit, a proof, a choice, a reality?* Biblically, for true, healthy Christians, the answer is...

YES!

*“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. **That is what love looks like.**”*

- Augustine

We are all called to initiate involvement in each other's lives... We covenant together to work and pray for unity, to walk together in love, to exercise care and watchfulness over each other, to faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require, to assemble together, to pray for each other, to rejoice and to bear with each other, and to pray for God's help in all this.

- Mark Dever

Explanation:

As noted above and throughout the Holy Scriptures, **true Christian love is selfless, relational, AND born out of the love of God** (see 1st John 4:16 and John 3:16). Any other form or claim of love will fall somewhere on the spectrum of lies between lust and like. By contrast, from its heart-beating inception and authentic infancy, through its developing childhood, strengthening adolescence, and ever-maturing adulthood, the Christian love that unites, defines, and displays Christianity is always a triumph of Truth.

With that said, it is important to recognize that **God's love and the love of God's people are both beyond counter-cultural, they are culture-condemning**. Reader BE ready! To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Think about it... As the old song's title famously declares: **“Love Is A Battlefield.”** By embracing and exemplifying biblical love's Author and authority, the Christian's definition and descriptions of love and loving challenge and convict those who champion culture's lies and lusts.

In the context of Christians TRULY LOVING ONE ANOTHER, we will always be well served by remembering to come under three defining pillars of Christianity's God-honoring, God-sourcing, and God-glorifying love.

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| 1. Love is COMMANDED | (John 13:34-35) |
| 2. Love is COMMISSIONED | (John 20:21) |
| 3. Love is COMMITMENT | (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) |

Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance to godly intercourse than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation... Some Christians try to go to heaven alone, in solitude. But believers are not compared to bears or lions or other animals that wander alone. Those who belong to Christ are sheep in this respect, that they love to get together.

Sheep go in flocks, and so do God's people.

- C.H. Spurgeon

Application:

Associate with sanctified persons. They may by their counsel, prayers, and holy example, be a means to make you holy.

- Thomas Watson

"It is not the fact that we are united in common goals or purposes that makes us a community. Rather, it is the fact that we share a common life in Christ... Practice of true community involves responsibilities and actions that do not come naturally to us... Don't just share your struggles, and above all, don't just commiserate with one another. Remember, we are to be ministers of grace to each other. We are to seek to be avenues of the Holy Spirit to help the other person appropriate the grace of God. Praying with and for one another, sharing applicable portions of Scripture, and helping each other submit to God's providential dealings with us, must characterize our times together.

- Jerry Bridges

A Christian who willingly forsakes fellowship with other believers will inevitably be without genuine, Spirit-given joy. It is impossible to live faithfully or happily apart from fellow believers in Christ.

- John MacArthur

3. ONE ANOTHER

Illustration:

Since God is within Himself a fellowship, it means that His moral creatures who are made in His image find fullness of life only within a fellowship. This is reflected in marriage, in the home, in society and above all in the church whose koinonia is built upon the fellowship of the three Persons. Christian fellowship is, therefore, the divinest thing on earth, the earthly counterpart of the divine life, as Christ indeed prayed for his followers: "That they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us" (Jn. 17:21).

- J. Hampton Keathley

Though true Christianity uniquely involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, it is also a corporate experience...Christians cannot grow spiritually as they ought to in isolation from one another.

- Gene Getz

*Autonomous Christianity never works,
because our spiritual life was designed by God to be a community project.*

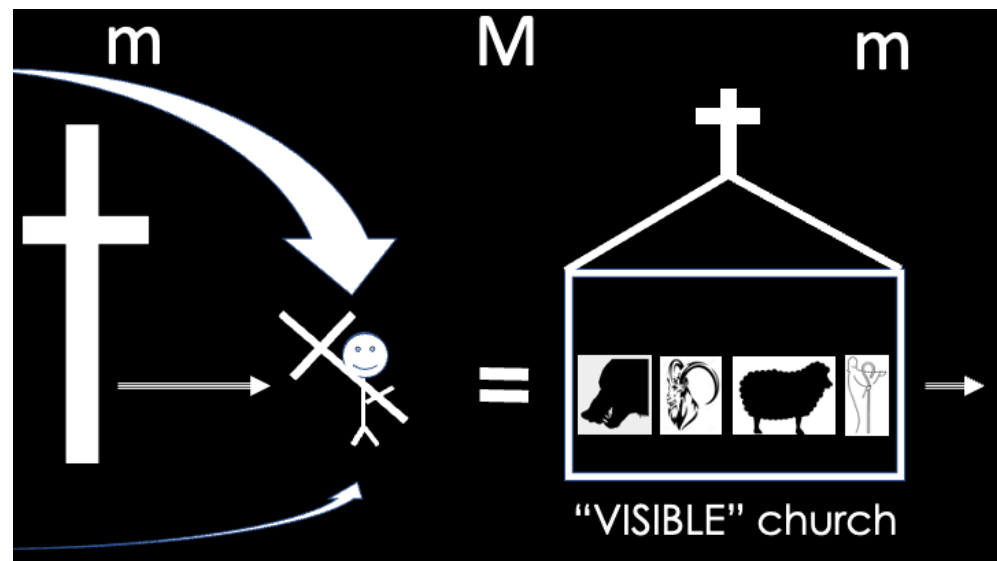
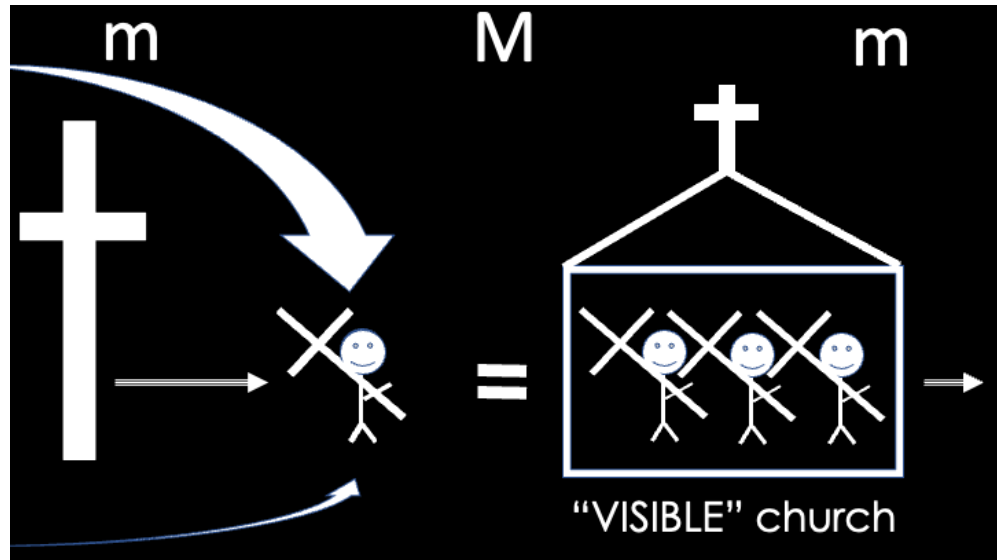
- Paul David Tripp

Explanation:

There are 100+ "one another" references in the Bible. In each and every case, there is a direct and/or indirect connection to the family of God... the biblical Church. With that said, we ALL need to know who the ONE ANOTHER are, as described by God and His Word.

There are two Greek words in the Bible's New Testament that offer us the definitions that we need. The first word, "ecclesia," is obvious. The second word, "koinonia," is equally insightful, while being substantially more subtle. Ecclesia is the Greek word for what is translated "church" in the English Bible. Herein, we have the most straight forward and succinct definition of God's "one anothers." Per the Scriptures, it is really this simple... **the true Church is the true people.** To say it another way, take it to heart, **the true Church is the true "one anothers."**

The biblical, missional, and cultural importance of this lesson extends beyond the obvious pleasantries of sharing in loving relationships... Per God's Word, will, and ways, there are also extensive and even eternal dangers that come into focus... Why? Because spiritual warfare is real (Ephesians 6). Moreover, there are goats and wolves in the "visible church," intermingling with and seeking to destroy Christ's sheep, sheep-dogs, & under-shepherds.



The second Greek word, "koinonia," is translated as "fellowship" in Acts 2, where its full context definition is found in the supernatural unity that describes the true, ("invisible") Church. Here again we can see how God's Word, will, & ways always harmonize. In short, ***koinonia unifies the one anothers.*** From the other side, sin and Satan motivate and unite the enemies of God who seek to penetrate and poison the true faith family's fellowship... the koinonia that helps to define and describe Christ's true one anothers.

There is a Christian failure to distinguish between socializing and fellowship. Although socializing is often both a part of and the context of fellowship, it is possible to socialize without having fellowship. Socializing involves the sharing of human and earthly life. Christian fellowship, New Testament koinonia, involves the sharing of spiritual life. Don't misunderstand- socializing is a valuable asset to the church and necessary for a healthy life. But we have gone beyond giving socializing the place it deserves. We have become willing to accept it as a substitute for fellowship, almost cheating ourselves of the Christian birthright of true fellowship altogether.

Christian "koinonia" exists between everyone who knows God through Jesus Christ (see 1 John 1:3). Everyone united with Christ by faith is also united with everyone else united with Christ. The same Holy Spirit indwells all believers and gives each a common share in the body of Christ, the church. As the apostle Paul put it, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and all have been made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

- Dr. Donald S. Whitney

Nobody can do as much damage to the church of God as the man who is within its walls, but not within its life.

- C.H. Spurgeon

Application:

Nowhere in the New Testament do any of the Greek words translated "fellowship" imply fun times. Rather, they talk of, for example, "The fellowship of the ministering to the saints" (2 Cor. 8:4) as sacrificial service and financial aid (see for example, 1 Tim. 6:18). Elsewhere, Paul was thankful for the Philippian believers' "fellowship in the gospel" (Phil. 1:5), for he knew that "inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers (same word as fellowship) of my grace" (Phil. 1:7). This sort of fellowship may even bring persecution. We are to emulate Christ's humility and self-sacrificial love (Phil. 2:5-8) through the "fellowship of the Spirit" (Phil. 2:1). In some way known only partially to us, we have the privilege of knowing "the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death" (Phil. 3:10), and even the communion (i.e. fellowship) of the blood... and body of Christ" (1 Cor. 10:16)

- J.D. Morris.

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens and in so doing fulfill the law of Christ.

CLOSE:

Love will flow from one to another, when each is prepared to be known as the repentant sinner he is at the Cross of Jesus. When the barriers are down and the masks are off, God has a chance of making us really one. But there is also the added joy of knowing that in such a fellowship we are "safe." No fear now that others may be thinking thoughts about us or having reactions toward us which they are hiding from us. In a fellowship which is committed to walk in the light beneath the Cross, we know that if there is any thought about us it will quickly be brought into the light, either in brokenness and confession (where there has been wrong and unlove), or else as a loving challenge, as something that we ought to know about ourselves.

- Roy Hession

*"Faith makes all things possible. **Love makes all things easy.**"*

- Anonymous

For What?

If we go to church just to be with one another, one another is all we will get. And it isn't enough. Eventually, our deepest unmet needs will explode in anger at one another. Putting community first destroys community. We must put Christ Himself first and keep Him first and treat Him as first and come to Him first and again and again.

- Roy Ortland

*"Loving others isn't about us at all.
And until that sinks in, we'll never be able to love the way Christ truly loved."*

- Jarrid Wilson,

So What?

Satan watches for those vessels that sail without a convoy.

- George Swinnock

It goes against the grain to give an image of oneself that is anything less than perfect, and many Christians imagine that they will be rejected by others if they admit to any faults. But nothing could be more destructive to Christian koinonia (fellowship) than the common practice today of pretending not to have any problems.

- Ray Stedman

Now What?

Imagine a symphony where every instrument kept hitting exactly the same note in exactly the same way. You could describe it in one word – BORING! No, a beautiful symphony is not music in unison, but music in unity – notes that blend together to make something they couldn't make separately. This is what God wants the body of Christ to be like, and it all begins with relationship.

- Eddy Rasnake

1st John 4:7-8

“Beloved, let us [love one another](#), for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, thank You so much for the Truth and Love of Your Word, will, and ways. Please help us to absorb and apply ALL that You have shared and commanded in the Bible. May our heads be infilled with Your defining Scriptures, for the express purpose of informing, inspecting, and inspiring our sanctified hearts and serving hands.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen and Amen

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1 John 3:11 - 18

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