

"How to Love One Another to Unity"
The New Command and the Reciprocal
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The New Commandment: "Love One Another As I Have Loved You." (Jn13:34-35)

*The Original Reciprocal Command

*Jn.15:12:12, 17; Rom.12:10a; 13:8; 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Jn. 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12; 2 Jn. 5; cf. Gal. 5:13; 6:10; Eph. 4:2; 2 Thess. 1:3; Heb. 13:1)

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The Reciprocal Commands

*22 Positives and 6 Negatives

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"I, therefore, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called," (Eph. 4:1)

*"with all humility and gentleness, with patience, putting up with one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:2,3)

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"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has also forgiven you." (Eph. 4:32)

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"And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, putting up with one another and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against any one, just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you forgive." (Col. 3:12-13)

* "And beyond all these things, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity." (Col. 3:14)

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Love One Another To Unity

THE RECIPROCAL (“ONE ANOTHER”) COMMANDS
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
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1. The New Command. (The Original Reciprocal) “Love one another as I have loved you” (Jn. 13:34f; 15:12, 17; Rm. 12:10a; 13:8; 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:9; 1Pet. 1:22; 1 Jn. 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12; 2 Jn. 5:cf; Gal. 5:13; 6:10; Eph. 4:2; 2 Thess. 1:3; Heb. 13:1)
2. “Greet/accept one another” (Rm. 15:7; 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Pet. 5:14)
3. “Be hospitable to one another” (1 Pet. 4:9)
4. “Be subject to one another” (Eph. 5:21; Rm. 12:10b)
5. “Regard one another as more important than yourself” (Phil. 2:3)
6. “Clothe yourselves with humility towards one another” (1 Pet. 5:5)
7. “Be kind to one another” (Eph. 4:32)
8. “Be at peace with one another” (Mark 9:50; cf. Rm. 13:18; 14:19)
9. “Put up with one another” (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13)
10. “Forgive one another” (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13 “each other”)
11. “Confess your sins to one another” (James 5:16)
12. “Pray for one another” (James 5:16)
13. “Serve one another” (Jn. 13:14; Gal. 5:13; cf. 1 Pet. 4:10, “each other”; Mark 10:42-45)
14. “Always seek what is good for one another” (1 Thess. 5:15)
15. “Mutually care for one another” (1 Cor. 12:25; Rm. 12:16; 15:5)
16. “Bear one another’s Burdens” (Gal. 6:2)
17. “Encourage one another” (1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:25)
18. “Comfort one another” (1 Thess. 4:18)
19. “Stirring up/Stimulating one another to love and good works” (Heb. 10:24)
20. “Build one another up” (Rm. 14:19; 1 Thess. 5:11)
21. “Teach one another” (Col. 3:16)
22. “Admonish one another” (Col. 3:16; cf. Rm. 15:14; Col. 1:28; Mt. 18:15-17)

ALL CHRISTIANS ARE UNITED TO ONE ANOTHER

(Rm. 12:5; Eph. 4:25; cf. 1 Jn. 1:7)

NEGATIVE RECIPROCAL COMANDS

1. “Do not judge one another” (Rm. 14:13)
2. “Do not speak against one another” (James 4:11)
3. “Do not complain against one another” (James 5:9; cf. Jn. 6:43, Jesus to the Jews)
4. “Do not challenge/provoke one another” (Gal. 5:26)
5. “Do not lie to one another” (Col. 3:9)
6. “Do not envy one another” (Gal. 5:26)