Loving One Another Wed 5/8/19

- 1 John 4:7-13 (NKJV)
- ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
- ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
- ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
- ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
- ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.
- ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NKJV)

- **4** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
- ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Colossians 3:10-14 (NKJV)

- and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.
- ¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
- ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.
- ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Love is to be put on as the outer garment and finishing touch to a well dressed Christian.

John 17:23 (NKJV)

²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

If Christians want to know how to convince the world that their religion is of God, then make no mistake about it, this is the secret of world recognition of Christianity.

John 13:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

See what it did in the early church when they were one.

Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

- **2** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.
- ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

John 15:9-17 (NKJV)

- ⁹ "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.
- ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

- ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.
- ¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
- 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
- ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- ¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.
- ¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another.
- 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV)
- Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)

133 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NKJV)
- ¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ.
- ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink ^[a] into one Spirit.
- ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.
- ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?
- ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?
- ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would* be the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would* be the smelling?
- ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.
- ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be?*
- ²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body.
- ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

- ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.
- ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty,
- ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it,
- ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.
- ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.
- ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

You and all in Christ like you make the true Church or body of Christ.

Genesis 11:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And the LORD said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

- 1 Peter 3:8-12 (NKJV)
- ⁸ Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous;
- ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.
- ¹⁰ For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.
- ¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.
- ¹² For the eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, And His ears *are open* to their prayers; But the face of the LORD *is* against those who do evil."