

## **"One Another" Passages in New Testament**

Scripture gives us good insight into our life together as the Body of Christ in many Bible passages referring to "*one another*." We find about 100 verses which include these words or the similar phrase, *each other*." What better place to see what our life should be like than in the Word? Below are many of the verses as found in the New American Standard Bible (NASB 95). With only partial excerpts given here, you might want to read the larger contexts.

Of the 100 verses, 30 were incidental uses of "*one another*," such as *they said to one another*." In another 18 verses, there are warnings against bad behavior, such as lying to, speaking against, or envying "*one another*." The other **52** verses, shown below, contain positive aspects of our relationships in living with "*one another*" in Jesus= Body. There are 58 occurrences of either "*one another*" and "*each other*" in these verses.

**17** verses focus on **loving** *one another*. In addition, **love** also appears in four verses where a different trait is more central, such as "through love serve *one another*" (Gal. 5:13), where serving is the active verb. Taken together, we are called to live in **love** in over forty percent of the verses mentioning supportive characteristics of our relationships with "*one another*" in the Church.

**John 13:34** - "A new commandment I give to you, that you **love** *one another*, even as I have **loved** you, that you also **love** *one another*."

**John 13:35** - "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love** for *one another*."

**John 15:12** - "This is My commandment, that you **love** *one another*, just as I have **loved** you."

**John 15:17** - "This I command you, that you **love** *one another*."

**Romans 13:8** - "Owe nothing to anyone except to **love** *one another*; for he who **loves** his neighbor has fulfilled the law."

**Ephesians 1:2** - "showing tolerance for *one another* in **love**"

**1 Thess. 3:12** - "and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in **love** for *one another*, and for all people, just as we also do for you"

**1 Thess. 4:9** - "Now as to the **love** of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to **love** *one another*"

**2 Thess. 1:3b** - "and the **love** of each one of you toward *one another* grows ever greater"

**1 Peter 1:22** - "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere **love** of the brethren, fervently love *one another* from the heart"

**1 Peter 4:8** - "Above all, keep fervent in your **love** for *one another*, because **love** covers a multitude

of sins."

**1 John 3:11** - "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should **love one another**"

**1 John 3:23** - "This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and **love one another**, just as He commanded us."

**1 John 4:7** - "Beloved, let us **love one another**, for **love** is from God; and everyone who **loves** is born of God and knows God."

**1 John 4:11** - "Beloved, if God so **loved** us, we also ought to **love one another**"

**1 John 4:12** - "No one has seen God at any time; if we **love one another**, God abides in us, and His **love** is perfected in us."

**2 John 1:5** - "Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we **love one another**."

**9** refer to honoring others above ourselves with humility, hospitality

**Romans 12:10b** - "give preference to *one another* in honor"

**Romans 14:13** - "Therefore let us not judge *one another* anymore, but rather determine this not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way."

**Romans 15:7** - "Therefore, accept *one another*, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God."

**1 Cor. 11:33** - "So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for *one another*."

**Ephesians 5:21** - "and be subject to *one another* in the fear of Christ"

**Philippians 2:3** - "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard *one another* as more important than yourselves"

**1 Thess. 5:15** - "See that no *one* repays *another* with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for *one another* and for all people."

**1 Peter 4:9** - "Be hospitable to *one another* without complaint."

**1 Peter 5:5** - "clothe yourselves with humility toward *one another*"

**8** passages talk about encouraging, admonishing, motivating or comforting *one another*

**Romans 15:14** - "and able also to admonish *one another*"

**Ephesians 5:19** - "speaking to *one another* in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and

making melody with your heart to the Lord"

**Colossians 3:16b** - "and admonishing *one another* with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God"

**1 Thess. 4:18** - "Therefore comfort *one another* with these words."

**1 Thess. 5:11** - "Therefore encourage *one another* and build up *one another*, just as you also are doing."

**Hebrews 3:13a** - "But encourage *one another* day after day"

**Hebrews 10:24** - "and let us consider how to stimulate *one another* to love and good deeds"

**Hebrews 10:25b** - "but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near"

6 verses speak of unity, fellowship, and mutual devotion

**Romans 12:10a** - "Be devoted to *one another* in brotherly love"

**Romans 12:16** - "Be of the same mind toward *one another*; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly."

**Romans 15:5-6** - "Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with *one another* according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**1 Cor. 12:25** - "so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for *one another*"

**Ephesians 4:25** - "Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth *each one* of you with his neighbor, for we are members of *one another*."

**1 John 1:7** - "but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with *one another*, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

4 times Paul or Peter tell the brethren to greet *one another* with a holy kiss

**Romans 16:16a** - "Greet *one another* with a holy kiss."

**1 Cor. 16:20b** - "Greet *one another* with a holy kiss."

**2 Cor. 13:12** - "Greet *one another* with a holy kiss."

**1 Peter 5:14** - "Greet *one another* with a kiss of love."

3 verses talk of peace with *each other*

**Mark 9:50c** - "and be at peace with *one another*"

**Romans 14:19** - "So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of *one another*."

**1 Thess. 5:13b** - "Live in peace with *one another*"

2 verses encourage believers to serve *one another*

**Galatians 5:13b** - "but through love serve *one another*"

**1 Peter 4:10** - "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving *one another* as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

2 places concern people praying with or for *one another*

**Acts 21:5b** - "After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to *one another*."

**James 5:16a** - "confess your sins to *one another*, and pray for *one another* so that you may be healed"

2 verses speak of forgiving *each other*

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

**Colossians 3:13** - "bearing with *one another*, and forgiving *each other*, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you"