INTRODUCTION

Review: equipping the saints, spiritual gifts, hospitality, love of the brethren in what we think, speak, and do (now part 2)

- by this we are known as His disciples
- I. SERVE ONE ANOTHER 1Peter 4:10
- II. SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER Galatians 5:13
- III. CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER Heb 10:24
- IV. SYMPATHIZE WITH ONE ANOTHER 1Pet3:8

EXPOSITION

V. PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER – James 5:16

- Gk. euxomai = a strong wish which moves one to prayer; to so desire something to move to ask the Sovereign
 - Gal6:2 (Gk. bastadzo) support, sustain, help carry, pick up; (Gk. baros) = burden, weight
 - That in relation to the sins of others, and the humble dealing with them

VI. FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER - Ephesians 4:32

- Gk. charidzomai = forgive, cancel a debt, give generously
 - The standard and paradigm is Christ's forgiveness; one reason some are so stingy with forgiveness is that they have a skewed view of God's character
 - We are prone to think that God is quick to anger and slow in mercy, but it is the opposite Ps103:8
 - This is what we should be as parents, and with one another

VII. ENDURE ONE ANOTHER - Ephesians 4:2

- Gk. anechomai = endure, be patient, especially in light of difficulty (i.e. when things aren't easy)
- This done with Gk. makrothumia = a state of emotional calm in the face of difficulty, without complaint or irritation
 - This includes humility, gentleness, etc.; The desire of this is unity in the Spirit with peace

VIII. RECEIVE ONE ANOTHER – Romans 15:7

- Gk. proslambanomai welcome, receive, take hold of with friendliness; begins in the heart, but expressed outwardly
- As human beings, God has connected our heart with behavior, and it should reflect it
 - Illustration: "I'm so happy" with the same expression as "I'm so mad"; rejoicing, especially in Psalms is connected to loud singing, clapping of hands, etc.; sadness is related to a fallen countenance
 - Prov15:13; 25:23; 27:17 sharpening of countenance
- Rom16:16 Gk. philayma, from phileo; it is a "holy" kiss, not carnal or titilating (to excite)
 - 1Cor16:20; 2Cor13:12; 1Thes5:26
 - 1Peter 5:14 (Gk. en philaymati agapays) a kiss of love, an agape kiss

APPLICATION

Believers: we do all of this, because as believers this is what Christ has done to us

- it is by being consumed with that that we are enabled to do these things to others
- this is what the church is to be and to do as the family of God; we must set ourselves against all that would undermine
- a church can be doctrinally sound and yet eaten up with the cancer of relationships which will destroy

<u>Unbelievers</u>: this is what God offers you in the Gospel if you come to the Lord Jesus

- this kind of fellowship with him and with people