
SERMON OUTLINE

Love one another (continued) – The transformed church
Part 6 – Life Together (“one another” series)

Two main words for “love” in the Greek New Testament

- *The words can be synonymous or sometimes distinct.*
 - 1. *Agape* – Commitment to the other’s best, selfless, sacrificial, unconditional (God’s love for us)
 - 2. *Phileo* – Affection, concern, care (brotherly or family love)
- I. To increase love for one another is to increase godliness in the church (Paul).
 - A. As Christ grows our love for one another (*agape*) we are preparing spiritually for Christ’s return (1 Thessalonians 3:12).
 - B. Loving one another (*agape*) creates affection (*phileo*) for each other (1 Thessalonians 4:9; Romans 12:9-10).
 1. God teaches the love (*agape*) that creates care (*phileo*) for one another – 1 Thessalonians 4:9).
 2. Affection for one another (*phileo*) comes when our love (*agape*) is sincere (Romans 12:9-10).
 - II. Continual godly love for one another (*agape*) replaces the need for rules (Paul).
 - A. Loving one another (*agape*) is never finished (Romans 13:8a).
 - B. Love (*agape*) fulfills from within what the law required (Romans 13:8b-10).
 - III. Sincere affection must become a committed love for one another (Peter).
 - A. The affection (*phileo*) of believers grows into deeper love (*agape*) for one another (1 Peter 1:22-23).
 - B. As we grow in affection (*phileo*) we must become willing to love sacrificially (*agape*) (2 Peter 1:7).