**HOW TO LOVE YOUR LOCAL CHURCH**

 **Hebrews 10:24-25**

 **(All Scripture Quotations are from the English Standard Version)**

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* (Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV)

***Two Foundational Questions To Guide Your Approach To The Church* (Matthew 22:34-40)*:***

1. How can I wholeheartedly love God?

2. How can I wholeheartedly love others?

***One Question NOT To Ask:***  How can I get others to love me?

TRUST GOD TO LOVE YOU AND TO PROVIDE YOU WITH OTHERS TO LOVE YOU AT EXACTLY THE RIGHT TIME AND IN THE RIGHT WAYS. (Psalm 86:5; 103:17; 106:1; 107:1, 8, 43; 145:8,17; John 3:16; John 14:23; 16:27; Romans 5:6-8; 8:38-39; Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 3:1; 1 John 4:7-11)

SEEK GOD WHEN YOU DON’T SENSE HIS PRESENCE AND UNFAILING LOVE IN YOUR LIFE. (Psalm 13; 32; 51; 63; 73; 103; 109; 119; 140)

***Living Out The “One Anothers” of God’s Word:***

**Mark 9:50** Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

**John 13:35** By this all people 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 as I have loved you.

**John 15:17** These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

**Romans 12:5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

**Romans 12:10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

**Romans 12:16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

**Romans 14:13** Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

**Romans 15:5** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

**Romans 15:7** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

**Romans 15:14** I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

**Romans 16:16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

**1 Corinthians 4:6** I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

**1 Corinthians 6:1** When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?

**1 Corinthians 6:7** To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?

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

**1 Corinthians 16:20** All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

**2 Corinthians 10:12** Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

**2 Corinthians 13:11** Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

**2 Corinthians 13:12** Greet one another with a holy kiss.

**Galatians 5:13** For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

**Galatians 5:15** But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

**Galatians 5:26** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**Galatians 6:2** Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Ephesians 4:2** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

**Ephesians 4:25** Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

**Ephesians 4:32** Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Ephesians 5:19** addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,

**Ephesians 5:21** submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**Colossians 3:9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

**Colossians 3:13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

**Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**1 Thessalonians 3:12** and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

**1 Thessalonians 4:9** Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another,

**1 Thessalonians 4:18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**1 Thessalonians 5:15** See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

**Hebrews 3:13** But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

**Hebrews 10:24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

**Hebrews 10:25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**James 4:11** Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

**James 5:9** Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

**James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**1 Peter 1:22** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

**1 Peter 4:8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

**1 Peter 4:9** Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

**1 Peter 4:10** As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

**1 Peter 5:5** Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

**1 Peter 5:14** Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

**1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

**1 John 3:23** And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

**1 John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been 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 ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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

***How Can We Make This Kind of Church a Reality?***

1. Diligently develop your personal relationship with God.

2. Spend time thinking, praying, and searching the Scriptures about how you can strengthen others in their faith.

3. Make regular meetings with others in the church a priority in your schedule.

4. Keep in mind the eternal importance and urgency of loving the church.

5. Always ask yourself the two foundational questions when you meet with others in the church.

6. Refuse to let self-centeredness overcome your trust in God to meet your needs.