

**Brotherly  
Love**

# Introduction

- Brotherly love is love for the brethren – love for fellow Christians

## **Jn. 13:35**

- [35] By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

# 1 Jn. 3:14-15

- [14] We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.
- [15] Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

# 1 Jn. 4:20-21

- 20] If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
- [21] And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

- What good fruit will genuine brotherly love produce?



# 1. Sharing

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- If we truly love we will share of our means
- If we truly love we will share of our knowledge



# Gal. 6:10

- [10] As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

# 1 Tim. 6:18

- [18] That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, (give) willing to communicate (share)



## 2. Forgiveness

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- Brotherly love must and will forgive

# Col. 3:13-14

- **[13]** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
- **[14]** And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

# 3. Kindness



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- If we love one another, how could we not be kind?

## Col. 3:12

- [12] Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;



## **Eph. 4:32**

- [32] And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.



## 4. Encouragement

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- **Encourage** – to inspire someone with the courage or confidence to do something
- This is an essential fruit of brotherly love
- We all need encouragement

# Heb. 10:24

- [24] And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

# 5. Helping Others Grow



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- Another fruit of our love is helping others grow spiritually
- We need to help the weak
- We need to help new Christians
- We need to help Christians who are striving to grow in Christ

# Rom. 15:1

- [1] We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

# 1 Th. 5:14

- [14] Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.



# Conclusion

- It is really very simple
- If we want to go to heaven we must abound in brotherly love
- Genuine brotherly love will help make the church strong

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