

GROW IN GRACE NEWSLETTER

PLEASE USE the Grow in Grace Newsletter for your own spiritual growth; and **AS A RESOURCE** to help equip you to MINISTER to others! **Volume 47, No. 29, July 26, 2022** / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!”***

LOVE vs anti-Christ UGLINESS!

“... THE LOVE OF GOD is shed abroad in [has flooded] our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is given unto us!”
(Romans 5:5)

Every Christian has been BAPTIZED into Christ— immersed into the God who is love! (1 Cor. 12:12-13) **Where this love is WEAK in a Christian— THE HOLY SPIRIT is grieved and/or quenched.**

WHERE THIS LOVE IS ABSENT — such a one may be a great Bible teacher/scholar/speaker; they may have great faith; they may understand prophecies; they may be willing to give their lives for their beliefs; they may do wonderful works; they may believe and teach Biblical sound doctrine— **HOWEVER, they are but one heart-beat from hell BECAUSE they are strangers to THE LOVE OF GOD! Their lives produce ANTI-CHRIST UGLINESS!** (Matt. 7:21-23; 1 John 4:7-8; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:1-7)

ANTI-CHRIST UGLINESS— all of the above verses reveal the nature of Anti-Christ Ugliness. **Here is the Galatians 5:19-21 version,**

¹⁹ “Now the practices of the sinful nature are *clearly* evident: they are ADULTERY, FORNICATION, impurity, sensuality (total irresponsibility, lack of self-control), ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery/witchcraft, hostility, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions [that promote heresies], ²¹ envy, drunkenness, riotous behavior, and *other* things like these. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, **that those who practice such things WILL NOT inherit the kingdom of God.**”

(Combination of KJV and Amplified)

[IN SPITE OF such warnings— the ‘pulpits, pews’, and church rolls are all too filled with FOLK WHO ARE **DOMINATED**

by the LOVELESS Anti-Christ BONDAGES LISTED IN GAL. 5:19-21]

EACH OF US MUST ASK: What is the state of my soul? AM I being dominated by and manifesting the LOVE OF GOD? AM I REPENTING of that which does not reflect the Love of God? OR IS MY LIFE producing a lifestyle of ANTI-CHRIST UGLY LOVELESSNESS?

There is only ONE WAY of DELIVERANCE FROM ANTI-CHRIST UGLINESS/Anti-Christ LOVELESSNESS! NAMELY: THE NEW BIRTH which brings forth a lifestyle of being filled with the Holy Spirit!

*** AT NEW BIRTH: "... THE LOVE OF GOD is shed abroad in [has flooded] our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is given unto us!" (Romans 5:5) ***

THE FLOOD OF GOD'S LOVE looks like this in the Christian:

²² "But the fruit of the Spirit **[the result of His presence within us] is love** [unselfish concern for others], **joy**, [inner] **peace**, **patience** [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], **kindness**, **goodness**, **faithfulness**, ²³ **gentleness**, **self-control**. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature together with its passions and appetites. ²⁵ If we [claim to] live by the [Holy] Spirit, **we must also walk** by the Spirit [with personal integrity, godly character, and moral courage— our conduct empowered by the Holy Spirit]." (Galatians 5:22-25, Amplified Bible)

NOTE: TRUE SALVATION... not only begins with our SINS BEING

FORGIVEN; but ALSO with the life-style changing miracle of "**THE LOVE OF GOD FLOODING our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is given unto us!**" (Romans 5:5)

THE indwelling 'FLOOD' OF GOD'S LOVE IS REVEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT'S 9-FOLD EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE— REVEALED IN THE PRACTICAL WAYS OF THE ONE ANOTHERS!

AS WE LIVE OUT THE ONE ANOTHERS TOWARD EACH OTHER, GOSPEL PREACHING IS EMPOWERED! **THIS IS WHY JESUS SAYS:**

I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love *and* unselfish concern for one another.” (JOHN 13:34-35, Amp)

[O THE GLORIOUS WONDER OF TRUE SALVATION, "... *THE LOVE OF GOD is shed abroad in [has flooded] our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is given unto us!*" (**Romans 5:5**)

YES, when the LORD JESUS SAVES us, He by His Holy Spirit baptizes us into HIS BODY (1 Cor. 12:13); and He PLACES us (1 Cor. 12:14-18) in His Body as it pleases Him. **IF YOU OR I are not specifically PLACED in a local assembly of saints in Christ, where we are functioning members, (carrying out 'ONE ANOTHER CHURCH WORK') – THEN, WE ARE resisting, grieving, quenching the Holy Spirit's work; OR, we are not IN CHRIST. (1 Cor. 12:18-27)**

BY THE following 44 love expressions WE DEMONSTRATE that we are IN CHRIST; and that we are REAL functioning, LOVE DOMINATED disciples of JESUS CHRIST!

1. "...Be at peace with each other" (Mark 9:50) **2.** "...Wash one another's feet" (John 13:14) **3.** "...Love one another..." (John 13:34-35; John 15:12, 17) **4.** "Love one another" (Romans 13:8) **5.** "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10) **6.** "Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10) **7.** "Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:16) **8.** "...Stop passing judgment on one another" (Romans 14:13) **9.** "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." (Romans 15:7) **10.** "...instruct one another" (Romans 15:4) **11.** "Greet one another with a holy kiss..." (Romans 16:16; I Corinthians 16:20, 2 Cor. 13:12; I Thess. 5:26) **12.** "...When you come together to eat, wait for each other" (I Corinthians 11:33) **13.** "...Have equal concern for each other" (I Corinthians 12:25) **14.** "...Serve one another in love" (II Corinthians 13:12)

- 15.** “Carry **each other’s** burdens...” (Galatians 6:2) **16.** “If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other” (Galatians 5:15) **17.** “Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other” (Galatians 5:26) **18.** “...Be patient, bearing with **one** another in love” (Ephesians 4:2) **19.** “Be kind and compassionate to **one** another...” (Ephesians 4:32) **20.** “...forgiving each other...” (Ephesians 4:32) **21.** “Speak to **one** another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” (Ephesians 5:19)
- 22.** “Submit to **one** another out of reverence for Christ” (Ephesians 5:21) **23.** “...in humility consider others better than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3) **24.** “Do not lie to each other...” (Colossians 3:9) **25.** “Bear with each other...” (Colossians 3:13)
- 26.** “...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against **one** another” (Colossians 3:13) **27.** “Teach [**one** another]” (Colossians 3:16) **28.** “...admonish **one** another” (Colossians 3:16) **29.** “...make your love increase and overflow for each other” (I Thessalonians 3:12)
- 30.** “Encourage **one** another” (I Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11; Hebrews 10:25) **31.** “...Build each other up...” (I Thessalonians 5:11) **32.** “Encourage **one** another daily...” (Hebrews 3:13) **33.** “Spur **one** another on toward love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24) **34.** “...Do not slander **one** another” (James 4:11)
- 35.** “Don’t grumble against each other” (James 5:9) **36.** “Confess your sins to each other...” (James 5:16) **37.** “...Pray for each other” (James 5:16) **38.** “...Love **one** another deeply, from the heart” (I Peter 1:22, 4:8) **39.** “...Live in harmony with **one** another...” (I Peter 3:8) **40.** “Greet **one** another with a kiss of love” (I Peter 5:14) **41.** “Offer hospitality to **one** another without grumbling” (I Peter 4:9) **42.** “Each **one** should use whatever gift

he has received to serve others..." (I Peter 4:10) **43.** "...Clothe yourselves with humility toward **one** another..." (I Peter 5:15) **44.** "Love **one** another" (I John 3:11, 23, 4:7, 11, 12; II John 5)

THESE ARE NOT OPTIONAL SUGGESTIONS. OBVIOUSLY, the Holy Spirit deems the ONE ANOTHERS to be vital— thus, here are some Biblical principles as to applying them!

1. Receiving must precede giving because we can't give what we don't have. *"... the love of God is shed abroad in [has flooded] our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is given unto us." (Romans 5:5) "... the fruit of the Spirit is love..." (Galatians 5:22) "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. **He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**" (1 John 4:7-8)*

Thus, indeed, we must first receive, that is, WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN! We then give to others what he has given to us. Understanding this principle of stewardship should strike a blow against our pride— for we are simply distributing God's resources, not our own. (1 Chron. 29:9-14) **REALITY: We must remember — he that loves not knows not God! (1 John 4:7-8)**

2. We are to give the ONE ANOTHERS freely because we have freely received. *"Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). We should never give with the expectation of a pay back or with a required condition. Let us give freely.*

3. We must give the ONE ANOTHERS generously because we have generously received. Paul told Timothy, *"The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly" (1 Timothy 1:14). God is not stingy, and neither should we be. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us" (1 John 3:1). Interestingly, we cannot really begin to comprehend all that God has given to us until we begin to give to others. In Philemon 6, the apostle Paul*

said, "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."

URGENT ALERT: GIVING GOD'S 'ONE ANOTHERS' TO EACH OTHER IN A LOCAL BODY OF BELIEVERS REQUIRES A REGULAR COMMITMENT OF—

TIME!

4. We must give the ONE ANOTHERS indiscriminately. "My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism" (James 2:1). What's the point? Don't be selective in which one another you give. Don't have the attitude that says, "I'll greet you, but I'm not going to accept you. I'll admonish you, but I'm not going to encourage you." Minister all of the one another to any believer, as opportunity comes.

We must not have an attitude that says, "I'll comfort my children, but not my spouse; or I'll accept people like me, but not anyone who is different." Moreover, since we are to *do good to all men*, (Galatians 6:10), the one another are also great ways to minister to unbelievers.

For sure, some people are more difficult to love than others, but that challenge may be the "test" of whether or not we truly love as Christ loved us! Jesus commands: "Love your enemies. . . If you love those who love you, what do ye more than others, do not even pagans do that?" (Matt. 5:43-47) AND REMEMBER: The Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35).

5. We are to relate to ONE ANOTHER in the same way God has related to (loved) us. "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). The command to "love others" was

not new because part of the Jewish law was to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18). It was the qualification to "*love others as I have loved you*" that was so radical. During his earthly ministry, Jesus thoroughly defined love for the first time. ***It's not that Christ raised the bar so high that we could not participate. Rather, he actually made the message of love so plain that we cannot claim ignorance! He simply said, "Do to others as I have done to you!"*** And how did Jesus train his disciples? He called them just to "*be with him*" (Mark 3:14).

And although the disciples were shocked at Jesus' acceptance of the Samaritan woman (John 4:27), they must have been stirred deeply when they noticed the profound impact it had on her life and others. ***"Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony"*** (John 4:39).

The disciples themselves were a shady group — uneducated fishermen, a tax collector, a betrayer — men of fear and unbelief. And yet Jesus continually looked beyond their imperfections, accepted them as they were, continued to love them deeply, and he kept on doing sacrificial things so that they could become what they should become!

In commanding us to love others, God is not asking us to do something that he has not already done. He is not asking us to give to others anything that he has not already given to us.

It's also worthy to note that throughout the thirty-three years of Jesus' earthly life, he was simply sharing with the world the love that he was constantly receiving from his Father: ***"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you"*** (John 15:9).

Most important is the reality that Jesus did more than leave an example— HE has given the INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT to empower us for the life to which He has called us: Romans 5:5; John 14:12-20!

6. When we minister the ONE ANOTHERS to other people, we are ministering to Christ. *"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them" (Hebrews 6:10).* When we love others, in a sense, we are loving Christ. And when we minister to others, we are somehow actually ministering to Christ (Matthew 25:31-40); and when we treat other believers in an evil way, we are doing so to Jesus: Acts 9:4-5. In Christ, this mystery is based on the fact that Believers are the body of Christ. To love one another is to love Christ, and to neglect or harm one another is to neglect or harm Christ (Acts 9:4).

7. The ONE ANOTHERS reveal that LIFE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST REQUIRES A COMMITMENT OF TIME!

REALITY: Our culture is anti-family and anti-church when it comes to TIME. Even in many Christian homes the time requirements for providing for financial needs, plus the time required for the status symbol 'needs' of a family, and other 'outside the home' TIME demands LEAVE MANY families living almost as strangers under the same roof.

This tragedy is multiplied when it comes to a church family— too often we are mere 'nice' strangers who briefly see each other weekly together... if nothing else gets in the way. **REALITY: Culture is not going to change. We will have to make CHOICES to value FAMILY and people over 'stuff;' and value FAMILY and people over 'events' and/or status.**

LIKEWISE for the Church: As I look at the will of God in the ONE ANOTHERS— I will now have to make some fresh CHOICES about HOW I spend my time. Let me remember that EXCUSES are a dime a dozen! And let me be honest: Behind every excuse is a CHOICE I made. No excuse can hide the reality of nor cancel the upcoming DAMAGE from bad CHOICES!

[Materials used and recommended: Body Life, Ray Steadman; Loving One Another and Building up One Another by Gene Gitz; and The 11th Commandment, Experiencing the One Others, by Don McMinn]

MAY GRACE ABOUND! James Bell

SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

SUNDAY SERVICES: JULY 31 / 2022

1. * Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's classes, Youth, and Adult classes.

2. * WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

7/31/22 ... FIFTH SUNDAY EVENING— REST! FAMILY TIME! MINISTER TO SOMEONE!

EVERY SATURDAY*** 8:00 AM, — Men's Bible Study! *(Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Sausage Biscuits are available!)*

***** NEXT Ladies Bible Study, AUGUST 2, @ 11:00 AM**

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6:30pm— come in back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning! ** Adult Prayer Service

**** Young FAMILIES Prayer Service [ADAM or Jaden weekly communicate as to LOCATION]**

***** LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD BY MAIL or by ONLINE GIVING:**

SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist) — MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594, Gallatin, TN 37066/ OR...

TO GIVE via ONLINE GIVING:
<https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>

HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES

AND as to Responding with WISDOM and NOT fear IN SEEKING TO KEEP AS HEALTHY AS WE CAN— SO AS TO BE ACTIVE IN THE KINGDOM BUSINESS OF THE LORD!

1. IF YOU ARE SICK... [OR if you are in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick; or if you have • Fever; • Coughing; • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.], Please stay home! [A GUIDE— IF WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, YOU WOULD GO TO WORK, THEN COME AND GATHER WITH THE SAINTS!]

2. WHEN YOU COME ... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM as to 'social distancing'... masks ... vaccine choices, etc. — PLEASE HONOR THE LORD, by continuing to give sensitivity and respect one to another.

3. In addition to carefulness, good hydration, good nutrition, and sleep— ALSO: SEEK TO BUILD UP A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM! I PERSONALLY TAKE ELDERBERRY, VITAMIN C, E, ZINC, GINGER, VITAMIN D, Quercetin, a good multi-vitamin that includes fiber... And Ivermectin. LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene — please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.

4. HERE IS AN EDUCATIONAL resource from ... FROM Doctors who successfully treat covid-19 patients! => <https://breggin.com/covid-19-home-treatment/> ////

Peter McCullough, MD, BRIEF. EXCELLENT:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAHi3lX3oGM>

The PDF booklet: A Guide to Home-Based COVID Treatment can be downloaded ... **focus is on PREVENTION and early treatment:** COVID

Treatment - Truth for Health Foundation <https://www.truthforhealth.org/patientguide/patient-treatment-guide/>