

Our God of All Comfort  
Part 7  
**Love One Another**  
Philippians 2:1-8

*Sharing Comfort & Care with One Another, out of Growing Love and Affection:*

I. Is Possible

*Two Tempting Objections*

II. Is a Portrait of God & His Grace

Reflects God    1 John 4:7-11

Illustrates Christ's Heart & Redemption    **Philippians 2:1-8**

Fulfills Christ's Law    **Galatians 6:2, John 13:34-35**

III, Is Priority of God's Will for & Work in His People

Above all...    1 Peter 4:8

Producing all...    1 Corinthians 13, The Fruit of the Spirit, Ephesians 4-5, etc.

Study this widely...

IV. Is the Platform of all Deep Fellowship and Effective Ministry

The flip-flop of modern Christian trends

"If you asked twenty good men today what they thought the highest of the virtues, nineteen of them would reply, Unselfishness. But if you asked almost any of the great Christians of old he would have replied, Love. You see what has happened? A negative term has been substituted for a positive, and this is of more than philological importance. The negative ideal of Unselfishness carries with it the suggestion not primarily of securing good things for others, but of going without them ourselves, as if our abstinence and not their happiness was the important point. I do not think this is the Christian virtue of Love." - C. S. Lewis, **Weight of Glory**

Our Home Groups & Our Hopes

*Christian Love & the Comfort and Care it irresistibly exudes must be Cultivated:*

*If we do nothing else as a Church Family, let's:*

A. **Know** one another.

Hospitality

Communication (old & new),

Discovering the Past, Present & Future of Others

B. Try (impossibly) to show sacrificial **Generosity** to one another.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

C. Engage **Emotionally** with one another.

Laugh with those who laugh, Cry with those who cry

Come to savor one another more than just serve...

**2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

**Philippians 2:1-8**

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.