

# The Brethren

## Us - Ourselves

### **Romans 12:10,13,15-16**

*Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.*

*Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another.*

*Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

### **Romans 14:13**

*Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*

### **Romans 14:19**

*Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*

### **Romans 15:5-7**

*Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.*

### **Romans 15:14**

*And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*

### **I Corinthians 11:33**

*Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.*

### **I Corinthians 12:25,26**

*That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.*

### **Ephesians 4:2,3**

*With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

### **Ephesians 4:25**

*Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

*Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.*

### **Galatians 6:1,2**

*Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

### **I Thessalonians 4:18**

*Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

### **I Thessalonians 5:10-13**

*...whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.*

## TRIBULATION APPLICATION

These verses have application during the Tribulation only—not loving the brethren will result in the loss of one's salvation!

That is how important the brethren to each other. We can learn from that for today's importance, eh?

### **Hebrews 3:12,13**

*Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

### **Hebrews 10:24,25**

*And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

### **James 5:16**

*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

### **I Peter 1:22**

*Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

### **I Peter 4:7-10**

*But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

### **I Peter 5:5, 6**

*Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

### **I John 1:7**

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

## Apostles; Prophets; Evangelists; Pastors & Teachers

(in their proper rightly divided placement, of course)

**Ephesians 4:11-13**

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

### Why Have Them Help You Build?

*For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

### What is Their Goal for You?

*Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

### How Important Are These Folks in Your Life?

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**Jeremiah 3:15**

*And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

**Zechariah 8:8**

*So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.*

### For folks during the Tribulation

**Hebrews 13:7, 17**

*Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

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**Bottom Line, folks - We need each other,  
WE - US - OURSELVES - YOU - ME**

Not the 'local assembly', not the 'local pastor', not a 'series' of local assemblies claiming to be apostolically blessed with their 'blast from their ordained past'.

We have only ourselves to be accountable for!  
We have the right foundation and now,  
we must let the builders do their work!

Someday, we will be 'out of here'! Gone! Out of our body!  
Then we will find out what the Master Builder thought  
of how well we took care of 'His House'!

**II Corinthians 5:1-10**

*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

*For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.*

*For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.*

*Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.*

*Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

*Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

**Remember - WE are God's building! Take good care of it!**

### How to Have Peace with the Worldly Brethren

*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;*

*And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.*

**I Thessalonians 3:6,7; 14-16**

## God's Builders



### The Importance of His Builders

**I Corinthians 3:9-11**

*For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.*

*But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

*Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

**Us - you and me - we are God's buildings!  
We are God's husbandry!  
We are labourers together!**

I was given a new foundation when I got saved!  
Now, what am I going to build on it?

### Who is Our Masterbuilder Today?

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**Our Apostle Paul**