

SERMON SERIES: **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **Better Fellowship 3**

MESSAGE INTRO: *The pronoun for Christian fellowship:*

- 1) From the Greek “reciprocal” pronoun, ἀλλήλων (*allēlōn*), denoting _____ actions or attitudes; commonly translated “_____” or “each other.”
- 2) This unique pronoun is used _____ times in the N.T., including _____ different “one another” commands!
- 3) All the “one another” commands can be summed up in one commandment: _____ ONE ANOTHER! (That makes _____ the bullseye of “Better Fellowship”).

1. Understanding Jesus’ “New Commandment”

John 13:34-35; 15:12-17

☞ We know that of all commands, LOVE is the first, the _____, the greatest and _____ command! (Mat 22:36-40; Deut 6:4-5; Lev 19:18,34; 1 Cor 13:13; Rom 13:8-10)

☞ But, what is “new” about Jesus’ command to love?

- 1) A new _____ of love: AGAPE!
- 2) A new _____ of love (Jn 13:1; 15:13): PERFECT!
- 3) A new _____ of love (Eph 3:17-19): ETERNAL!
- 4) A new _____ of love: JESUS!
- 5) A new _____ of love: CHURCH FAMILY!

2. Hearing Paul’s Words to the Thessalonians

- ☞ His appeal re: love (1 Thes 4:9-10)
“_____ this more and more” (So, love is more than a feeling, it is also _____! John 14:15; 1 Cor 16:14; Mat 7:12; 1 John 3:16-18; Eph 5:1-2; Phil 2:1-5)
- ☞ His acknowledgment re: love (1 Th 4:10; 1:3; 2 Th 1:3)
“That indeed is what _____ are _____”
- ☞ His prayer re: love (1 Thes 3:11-13; 2 Thes 3:5)
“May the Lord make you _____ and _____ in love”

3. Love Support from the Source!

- ☞ _____ to love! (1 Thes 4:9; 1 John 4:7-8)
We need to keep learning and be teachable!
- ☞ Love poured in! (Rom 5:5; Rev 3:20)
We need to let it _____ (Open up to the Lord)
- ☞ Love poured out! (John 7:37-39; 1 Tim 1:5)
We need to let it _____ (Open up to others—1 Thes 3:12; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:11,19-21)
- ☞ _____ love! (Gal 5:22)
We need to let it _____ (by cooperating with the Spirit!—Gal 5:16-26; Col 3:5-14)

BOTTOM LINE: The key to better fellowship is _____
_____ for one another! (1 Thes 3:12; 2 Thes 3:5)