



“Building Bridges” Series

Unity Part 3

Colossians 3:12-14

Recap

- **When we began two weeks ago we saw that the key to unity within the Body of Christ is love. Colossians 3:14-”Above all clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.”**
- **Love and Unity go “hand-in-hand” with Love there will be no unity.**
- **Paul listed 8 important qualities that should be displayed in the lives of those who are followers of Jesus Christ, and so far we’ve looked at: Love, Compassion, Kindness, and Humility**
- **It all begins with Love which is the perfect bond of unity. We have identified Love with the expression: Give of Yourself like Jesus Gives. The Application: Be Like Christ**
- **The second quality we looked at was Compassion. We saw that Compassion requires us to feel like Jesus feels. The Application: Be Sensitive.**
- **The third quality that will build unity in the Church is Kindness. To make that a reality we have to Treat Others like Jesus Treat Us. The Application: Be Nice.**
- **Fourth Quality is Humility. We need to See Ourselves and Others as God Sees Us. We do that by first seeing God correctly, and then, and only then can we see ourselves and others through His eyes. The Application: Be Humble.**

Notes:

I. Gentleness

A. Surrender to Christ so You can Serve Like Christ.

B. Application: Be Trainable.

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II. Patience or Long Suffering

A. The inference behind this word is the ability to handle the difficulties of life without going into seeking revenge.

B. Application: Be Patient

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Conclusion:

- **Do you believe that God is still in the “life-changing” business? I do! Because He is still changing me! Sometimes He does it by “reining” in my wild nature and “training” me to serve Him. Other times He lets me run and is “patient” with me allowing me to realize that I need to lean on Him so that I can stop “reacting” and instead begin to “act” like His Son everyday.**
- **So what is the Lord saying to you today about Gentleness and Patience? Do you need to surrender again to the Lord so that He can train you for His service? Do you need to learn to “act” like Christ instead of “reacting to your own self when you are faced with difficult situations or difficult people? Let’s ask the Lord to show how to apply these principles to our lives today.**