

I Peter 3:8-9

Relating To One Another In Brotherly Fashion

I. Introduction:

A. When asked what the great commandment was in the law, Jesus answered...
(**Matthew 22:34-40**).

1. Love thy neighbor was a focus on their brethren under the Law of Moses (**Leviticus 19:18**).

2. Yet, Jesus broadened that in His teaching (**Luke 10:25-37**).

B. Under the New Covenant, a new commandment was given that focuses not on the world, but specifically on the saints (**John 13:34-35**).

1. This commandment is an indicator of passing from death to life (**I John 3:14-18**).

2. Think about the significance of brotherly love in relation to one's love for our Heavenly Father (**I John 4:20-21**).

II. Body: *"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing"* (**I Peter 3:8-9**).

A. Likemindedness among the saints (**I Corinthians 1:10**).

1. Toward one another (**Romans 12:16**) and in general (**Philippians 2:2**).

2. Through the standard (**Philippians 3:16**; cf. **II Timothy 3:15-17**).

3. Having the mindset as we see in Christ (**Philippians 2:3-8** and **I Peter 4:1-2**).

4. Our differences only being in areas of authorized liberties that are not generating problems (**Romans 14:1-3**).

B. Compassion [sympathy] one for another (**Zechariah 7:9**).

1. In times of rejoicing or sorrow (**Romans 12:15** and **I Corinthians 12:26**).

2. Example: **Philippians 2:25-3:1**.

C. Love as brethren (**I Thessalonians 4:9-10**).

1. Who are my brethren (**Mark 3:31-35**)?

2. Not just situationally or on certain occasions (**Hebrews 13:1**).

D. Pitiful towards the brethren, especially as it relates to forgiveness with a tender heart (**Ephesians 4:32**).

1. Consider dealing with brethren in times of personal conflict (**Matthew 18:1-35**).

2. This does not mean we can forgive where there is not repentance (**Luke 17:3-4**).

E. Be courteous [friendly; kind] to the saints (**Colossians 3:12**).

1. Thinking about what we see in God (**Titus 3:4**).

2. Consider the contrast of Gaius and Diotrephes (**III John 1:1-10**).
- F. Not repaying evil with evil (**I Thessalonians 5:15**).
 1. Vengeance does not belong to us (**Hebrews 10:30-31**).
 2. We are called to “bless” and curse not (**Romans 12:14; 12:17-21**).
 3. Think about what Paul wrote to Timothy especially from the standpoint of an evangelist that is sure to be mistreated (**I Timothy 2:1-8**).

III. Conclusion: Our Next Study; *“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil”* (**I Peter 3:10-12**).