

“DUTIES OF CHRISTIANS TO EACH OTHER”

(I PETER 3:8-9)

I. INTRODUCTION.

- a. Read I Peter 3:8-9.
- b. Section begins with the word “finally”.
- c. Background:
 - i. I Peter 2:18—addresses “servants” and “slaves”.
 - ii. I Peter 3:1ff—addresses “wives”.
 - iii. I Peter 3:7—addresses “husbands”.

II. “DUTIES OF CHRISTIANS TO EACH OTHER”.

- a. **“Be ye of one mind”**—(Am. Std. Version, “likeminded”).
 - i. Def.—“to have unity of mind and purpose, agreement in all the major details of the Christian Life”. (Guy N. Woods)
 - ii. John 17:20-21—Jesus “Prayer for Unity”.
 - iii. Acts 2:42—example of early church.
 - iv. Acts 4:32—“of one heart and of one soul”.
 - v. Examples from other N. Testament writings.
- b. **“Having compassion, one of another”**.
 - i. Def.—“sorrow or pity excited by the distress or misfortune of another; sympathy”.
 - ii. Christ—our great example of compassion.
 1. Matt. 9:36 and Matt. 14:14—“moved with compassion”.
 2. Matt. 20:34—“had compassion on them”.
 3. Rom. 12:15—
 4. Luke 10:25ff—
- c. **“Love as brethren”**—(literally “brotherly lovers”).
 - i. Def.—“the special feeling which brothers of a common parentage have for each other”. (Guy N. Woods)
 - ii. Rom. 12:9—“love without dissimulation”.
 - iii. I Peter 1:22-23—speaks of “unfeigned love of the brethren”.
- d. **“Be pitiful”**—(Am. Std. Version—“tenderhearted”).
 - i. An attitude that shows itself in pity and affection.
 - ii. Ephesians 4:32—a characteristic of the “new man”.
- e. **“Be courteous”**—(Am. Std. Version—“humble-minded”).
 - i. Def.—“Lowly minded as used in I Pet. 3:8, or to be :humble-minded”. (Vine’s Expos. Dict. Of N. T. words)
 - ii. Rom. 12:3 and Rom. 12:16
 - iii. Philippians 2:5ff.
- f. **“Not rendering evil for evil”**—(literally means “not giving back”).
 - i. I Pet. 2:21-23—example of Christ.
 - ii. I Thess. 5:15.

III. CONCLUSION.