

Ephesians Series

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Encouraging, Comforting One Another

Ephesians 4:25



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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Eph. 4:15, “but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph. 4:16, “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Members of One Another

Rom. 12:4, “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

Rom. 12:5, “so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

μέλος *melos* neut plur nom

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1 Cor. 12:12, “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

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1 Cor. 12:25, “that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

1 Cor. 12:26, “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

1 Cor. 12:27, “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”

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What the Bible Teaches About

Our Ministry to “One Another”



1. The Greek word is ἀλλήλων; *allēlōn*, meaning one person to others in a group.

Most of the New Testament contexts are addressed to congregations.

The idea is how believers within the congregation should treat other believers in that congregation specifically.

By extension this applies to any other believer, anyone who is in the body of Christ!

2. “Love one another” is the most common command in the New Testament. Fifteen distinct times this is stated.

John, Paul, Peter each mention this.

In fact, the other 18 “one anothers” are all manifestations of this one command: humility, forgiveness, kindness, putting up with each other, not judging or maligning or gossiping about one another.

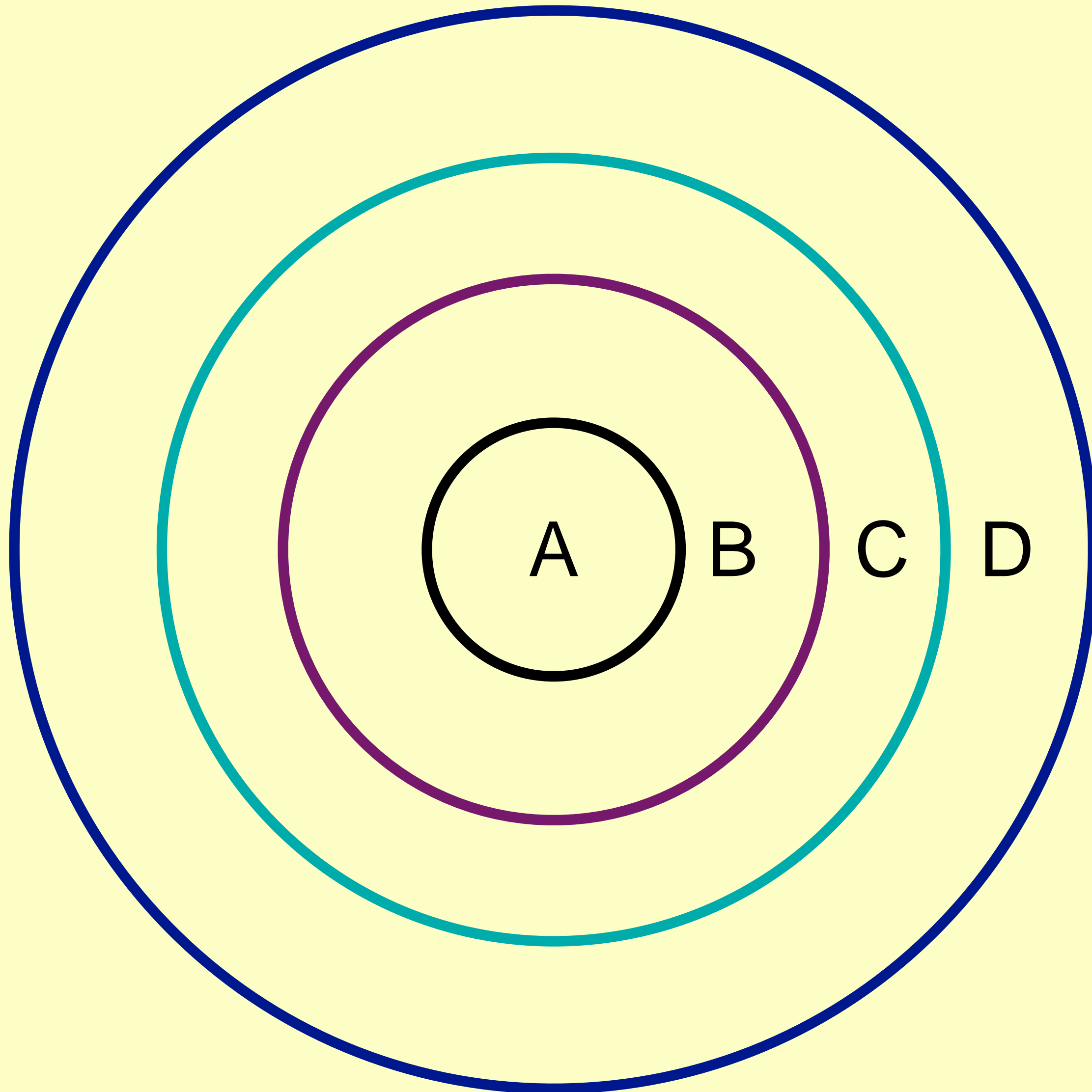
John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” ~NKJV

John 15:12, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:17, “These things I command you, that you love one another.”

Circles of Friendship



- D. Acquaintance, neighbor, co-worker, someone you see once or twice a week at church.
- C. Share an interest or hobby with, golf, workout, kids; spend time with related to these common interests.
- B. Consider a friend; talk with frequently, spend a lot of time with, socialize with, pray with.
- A. Very close, usually long time; Few of these, share intimate problems or joys with.

Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”

3. Serve one another

Gal. 5:13, “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

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1 Cor. 12:12, “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

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**ἐν πνεύματι, *en pneumati*;
En plus the dative,
By means of the Spirit**

**βαπτίζω , *baptizo*
Aor **pass** ind, 1p
To dip, plunge, immerse,
to identify**

εἰς, *eis*

**With the
accusative
indicating
Direction, goal**

**Eternal
Realities**

**Temporal
Realities**



ACTS 16:31

**IN CHRIST
New Man**

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

The baptism by means of the Holy Spirit is the work of Christ whereby at the moment of faith alone in Christ alone Christ uses the Holy Spirit to identify the believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. (Rom. 6:3–6)

There is one baptism—by means of the Holy Spirit.

Christ performs the baptism.

The instrument used to effect the identification is the Spirit.

The new condition is into the body of Christ, identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

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5. Encourage one another

Rom. 1:12, “that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”

συμπαρακαλέω *sumparakaleō*
aor pass infin
to be encouraged together

1 Thess. 4:18, “Therefore comfort one another with these words.

παρακαλέω *parakaleō*
pres act impera 2 plur
to urge, exhort, comfort

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2. to make a strong request for something, request, implore, entreat.**

Comfort: consolation for grief or anxiety.

***parakaleō* occurs 109 times in the New Testament and means:**

(a) summon, invite, ask, implore;

(b) exhort;

(c) comfort, encourage.

The noun *paraklēsis* means exhortation, encouragement, appeal, request, comfort, consolation. The words are not found in the Johannine literature, James, or 2 Pet.

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Rom. 12:1, “Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.” ~HCSB

1 Cor. 1:10; 4:16; 2 Cor. 2:8; 8:6; 9:5; 12:18 the HCSB translates the verb with forms of “urge.” Others translate this as “beg,” “plead,” or “appeal.”

2 Cor. 1:4, “He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Cor. 1:5, “For as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so through Christ our comfort also overflows.

2 Cor. 1:6, “If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is experienced in your endurance of the same sufferings that we suffer.

2 Cor. 1:7, “And our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you share in the sufferings, so you will share in the comfort.”

Acts 14:22, “strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, ‘We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.’ ”

Acts 15:32, “Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words.”

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