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which is the perfect
bond of unity.

Colossians 3:1-14



1. Believers are commanded to connect what they think and do with what Jesus says.

- Colossians 3:1-3, 5, 8-9
- Matt 16:23





2. Believers are commanded to embrace a new definition of “We.” B1 is our way to “put on” what we have in common in Jesus.

- Colossians 3:10-11
- “We” – see “*Learning to Love People You Don't Like*” by Floyd McClung (2016)





3. The love of God in each believer is the “duct tape” which holds the “We” together. Without God’s love in us, we cannot B1.
 - A. V12-13. As God’s chosen ones, put on a heart: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with each other and forgiving...
 - B. V14. Above all of these, put on love. It is the binding power that completes and perfects all virtues.





- My love for others is the clearest identifier that I have surrendered my life to Jesus Christ.
 - 1 Cor 13:1, 13; 16:14
 - Eph 5:2
 - 1 Peter 4:8
 - John 13:34-35
 - 1 John 3:14-16, 4:2



- 1 Jn. 3:18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
- 1 Jn. 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.



Heb. 10:24-25 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. (NAU)





How can we implement a B1 focus in our individual lives?

1. Schedule at least one “meet-up” for the month of May with someone outside of your “circle” for the purpose of getting to know them.
2. God calls us to pray for one another. Love puts feet to our prayers by reaching out to those we are praying for. Do that. Make your prayers personal by talking to the people you are praying for.

