

# A Call to One Another Ministry

Gospel Life in the Body of Christ

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One Another Ministry—Foundational Beliefs  
Building our Path



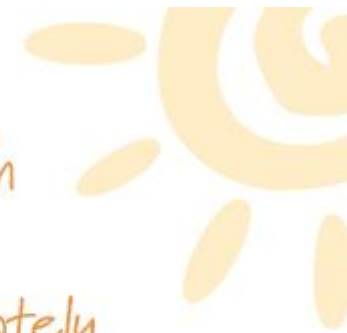
*A Christian with a tie!*



# 3 Major Counseling Perspectives



We need to hold fast and allow the scriptures to define their own terms. We also need to let them guide and direct our lives, especially under the severe pressures of life knowing our Lord is intimately aware of all the tribulations we enter in to.



But, once we become discontent and open the door!



- an over dependence on knowledge found in the natural order- at the expense of Gods design and provision in his word
- we alter our IDENTITY by merging the answers of this present age, to blend better with the scriptures to find contentment. We swap out providence, sin and personal responsibility and work off terms like addiction, health, self esteem, disorders etc.
- Medication becomes a solution, fixing issues NOW as to expected outcomes etc.

Also, it is all too common today, that we constantly super-impose our postmodern culture and baggage onto word usage even though scripture clearly has different meanings and purposes.



Admonish

Competent

One critical error 'Christian and Biblical' Counselors fall in to, comes when not distinguishing sufficiently, the greek and hebrew word meanings in the way the writers intended.

Able

Counsel

# How did all this get started?

Jay Adams-1970  
"Competent to Counsel!"

"As far as I am concerned about you, my brothers, I am convinced that you especially are abounding in the highest goodness, richly supplied with perfect knowledge and competent to counsel one another"  
~ Romans 15:14 (Williams)



# The critical nature of Y'all!

to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of **the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in **you** will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil. 1:6





# One Another Ministry—Foundational Beliefs

## Foundation Belief #1

A Christian has been given **LIFE** in Christ!

resurrection "life in the Son" (zoe) is fundamentally different than the experiences that encompass our daily norms as we breathe in and out or refer to as "life under the sun" (psuche).

## Foundation Belief #2

A Christian has been given **LIGHT** and **SIGHT** in Christ!

Resurrection "life in the Son" (zoe) is "revealed truth" that leads to salvation. It's received as a gift and revealed by the Holy Spirit. We were blind, but now we see. This revelation cannot be gained by aptitude, intelligence, academics, a unique curriculum, degrees/certifications, discovery via the rigor of the scientific method or will of man!

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## Foundation Belief #3

A Christian understands and interprets **PAIN** differently in Christ! (see suffering, trials, afflictions, discipline, tribulation etc.)

Generally, we source both pain and remedy from a "life under the sun" **horizontal** (psuche) perspective. However, as we are His children, no pain is allowed without the awareness of our Father. Invariably, the Holy Spirit drives our eyes and attention to Christ Jesus and the **vertical**, so that we experience a better outcome; a hope of a future that doesn't disappoint and in the present... the nearness of God!

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## Foundation Belief #4

Christians are competent and complete, able to bear one another's burdens as designed by the effective power of the communal life of the Body of Christ.

As the Body of Christ, our certification is the internal testimony of the Holy Spirit as we gather together to be edified and blessed by each other's spiritual gifts.

Our adoption is our degree and gives us the mind of Christ.

This placement in the family of God is eschatological in nature and preeminent over all other relationships "under the sun".



# Modernity Evangelicalism?



Our culture and times  
has severely impacted  
our ability to look at our  
past and value all believers  
from Adam forward!

Rationalism,

Presentism,

Individualism!

# Crisis of Identity

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit” Eph. 2:19-22



that their hearts may be encouraged, **having been knit together in love**, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, **Col. 1:2**

*New DNA?*





Who do you recommend?

So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord,  
that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk,  
in the futility of their mind, Eph.4:17

But you did not learn Christ in this way, Eph.4:20

and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and  
put on the **new self**, which in the likeness of God has  
been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Eph.4:24

How does the "new man"  
impact relationships?



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the riches of **the glory of this mystery** among the  
Gentiles, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27





Your problems are **our** problems...  
are my problems!

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