

# A Call to One Another Ministry

Gospel Life in the Body of Christ

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# 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 **ABLE**

Christians are able to bear one another's burdens as a result of our adoption, imparted gifts and revealed word of God by which we bless each other as we minister Christ to one another, in the communal life of the Body of Christ.





	Christians/ Biblical Counseling	Body of Christ
Content	Some Zoe emphasis, but rooted in specific Psuche behaviors	Zoe Qualities 1Tim1:5, 2Peter 1:9 Eph 4:13, Heb.5:14
Competence	Learning, credentials, certification, CEU's, academics, specialities	adoption, a good conscience, guidance and gifts of the Spirit, mind of Christ, maturity,
Language	counselee, disorders, syndromes, sessions, cases, practice, personality types, needs, trigger points, depression	brother, sister, sin, flesh, world, enemy, love, faith, joy, grace, mercy, repentance, perseverance
Process	Office, therapeutic "style", group data gathering, root cause analysis, weekly/formal, accountability, homework	informal, not location based, elder shepherding, sufficiency of each member of the body
Vocation (profession)	Hourly Compensation Ethical guidelines, legal guidelines, licensing	Provision Pastoral and staff support ministry not vocation
Visible Church Leadership	Counseling delivered by Outsourcing, group specific programs and credentials	"Perfecting" and Maturing Eph.4:11-13 One-anothering by the invisible church

Is the Church "able"?



**In saying all of this,** I don't want to imply that every person is completely competent to help anyone and everyone. There are people with unique gifts for inter-personal ministry just as there are people with unique gifts for public preaching and teaching. All of us are in different stages of life with varying degrees of training, life experience and case wisdom. That means that there are some who will function well in a more formal capacity and will engage in formal counseling.

Since churches should be involved in counseling, biblical equipping and training is needed. And that is exactly what we seek to do at CCEF as we restore Christ to counseling and counseling to the church. But this is not the only way CCEF understands and uses the word counseling. We use it much more broadly. When we say counseling, we do mean formal counseling, but we also find other words that capture it. Words that express the fuller meaning of counseling are discipleship, informal helping relationships, one anothering, growth in grace, conformity to the image of Christ, sanctification, change, growth in godliness, the fruit of the Spirit, faith and obedience, and increase in wisdom. Since this is what we also mean when we say counseling, then the church should absolutely be involved in counseling.

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Foundation Belief #5

Christians are recognized by their—  
love for each other

Christians **desire** to bear one another's burdens as a result of our new life in Christ.

The world, our flesh and the evil one arouse competitive affections. As we cry out for His mercy, power and love, the Spirit of Christ produces a willingness to die to self, compelling us to love and live for one another.





# "Compelling nature of God's love"

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." [John.13:34,35](#)

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

[John.15:12,13](#)





## "Evidence of God's love"

We love, because He first loved us.

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also. [1John 4:19-21](#)



"fuel for the therapeutic gospel"

"What commandment is the foremost of all?"

"The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;  
AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH  
ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH  
ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

"The second is this,  
There is no other

'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'  
commandment greater than these." Mark 12:28-31





"Two golden chains"

"On these two commandments depend  
the whole Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:40

Love God, love one another.



*"love of self?"*



there is no Biblical basis  
self-acceptance, self-  
self-assertion, "proper"  
or any of the other  
worldly system of



for self-esteem, self-love,  
confidence, self-forgiveness,  
self-image, self-actualization,  
selfisms advocated by the  
psychology.

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"A cry to the Father"

Ephesians 1:17-23 , Ephesians 3:14-21

MERCY

**A call to one another starts with a cry to the Father!**

mercy power. and love



# Over 70 "one another" imperatives



Loving one another

Building up one another

Caring for one another

Admonishing one another

Bearing one another's burdens

Comforting one another

Encouraging one another

Honoring one another

Enduring with one another

Being kind to one another

## **Counsel one another ?**

Submitting to one another

Always seeking to do good to one another

Accepting one another

Confessing faults to one another

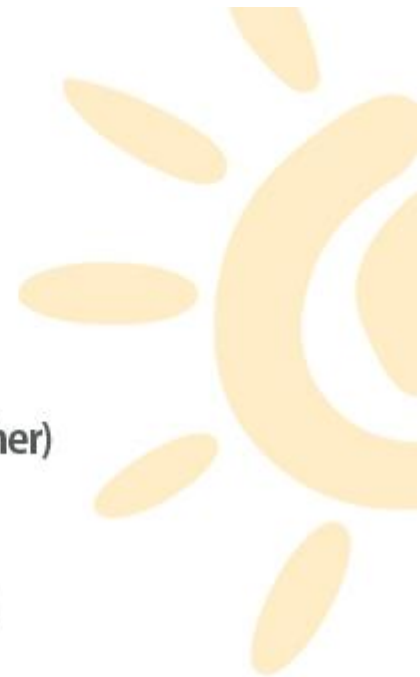
Fellowshipping with one another

Stirring up one another

# "One Anothering" in Ephesians

## Chapters 1-3

- 1:15 – Your love for all of the saints (**loving one another**)
- 1:16 – Making mention of you in my prayers (**praying for one another**)
- 2:19 – Fellow citizens with the saints (**citizens with one another**)
- 2:19 – are of God's household (**family members with one another**)
- 2:22 – are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit (**growing with one another**)
- 3:1 – prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles (**suffering for one another**)
- 3:6 – fellow heirs, fellow members of the Body, fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (**united with one another**)



# "One Anothering" in Ephesians

## Chapters 4-6

4:1 - Showing tolerance for **one another in love**

4:3 - being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace  
(pursuing peace with one another)

4:12 - for the building up of the body of Christ (edifying one another)

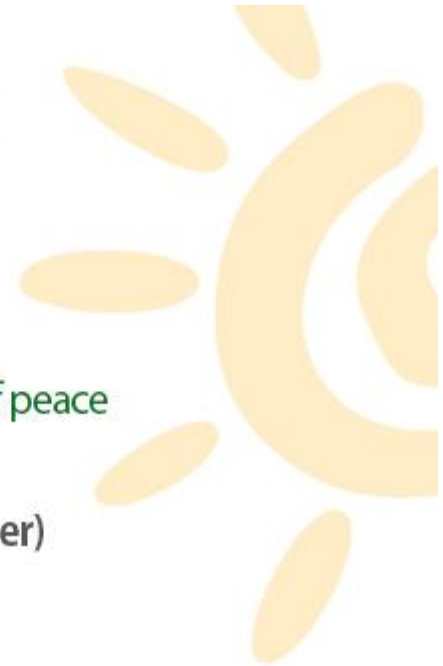
4:15 - speaking the truth in love (to one another)

4:32 - Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted to one another, forgive one another

5:19 - Speak in psalms to one another

5:21 - Be subject to one another

6:18 - be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints  
(praying and petitioning for one another)





"Zoe meets one another"

For to me, **to live is Christ** and to die is gain.

But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean **fruitful labor** for me; and I do not know which to choose.

But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary **for your sake**.

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all **for your progress and joy in the faith**, [Phil. 1:21-25](#)



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