



“New Beginnings” in Relationships

Relationships are essential

Hebrews 10: 23-25 “Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

Relationships are a part of God's sanctifying work in us.

- ▶ Romans 8:28 states, *We know that in ALL things work together for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose.*
- ▶ What is His purpose? Verse 29 tells us... "*That we might be conformed to the image of His son.*"

Christlikeness

► Romans 12:9-18

" Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.. o not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

I Peter 4: 7-11

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Laws of “showing love” to others

- 1) Treat others the way you want to be treated
- 2) Treat others the way that Jesus treats you
- 3) Give yourself away to others
- 4) Take delight in honoring others
- 5) Meet others needs
- 6) Love by “Faith”