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## "One Another" Passages

Kirk Talley

It has been said before that Christianity is a "one another" religion. This is true in both the negative sense (i.e., "*do not deprive one another*" from 1 Cor. 7:5) and in the positive sense (i.e., "*bear one another's burdens*" from Gal. 6:2). It is the purpose of this article to give an overview of how the Bible instructs us to be "one another" in our lives. Please take note of the scope of God's Word concerning a lifestyle that bears in mind...one another.

Let's begin with the negative usage of "one another."

**1 Cor. 4:6**—We are not to be puffed up against one another.

**Gal. 5:15**—We are not to destroy one another.

**1 Cor. 7:5**—Couples are not to deprive one another of self.

**1 Cor. 6:7**—We are not to go to law against one another.

**James 5:9**—We should not grumble against one another.

**Titus 3:3**—We are certainly not to hate one another.

**Rom. 14:13**—"*Let us not therefore judge one another...*"

**Col. 3:9**—We are not to lie to one another.

**Gal. 5:26**—Let us not provoke one another to envy.

**James 4:11**—We should not slander one another.

**Acts 7:26**—Capsulated in this one verse is the answer...we should not wrong one another!

Mankind could spend a lifetime working on the attitude needed to fulfill the aforementioned passages. Those are

recorded in the Bible, among other passages, to show us there are boundaries in relationships between mankind. There are limits to how we can treat people with our different ways, thoughts, and words. We need to be ever respectful of...one another.

Notice now with me the positive aspect of the "one another" passages in the Bible.

**John 13:34**—"*...that ye love one another...*" (15:12,17; Rom. 13:8; 1 John 3:11,23; 4:7,11,12; 2 John 1:15)

**Rom. 12:10**—"*...with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another...*"

**Rom. 15:7**—"*...receive one another...*"

**Rom. 15:14**—"*...admonish one another...*" (Col. 3:16; 1The. 5:11; Heb. 3:13; 10:25)

**Rom. 16:16**—"*Salute one another..*" (1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12)

**Gal. 5:13**—"*...serve one another...*"

**Gal. 6:2**—"*...bear ye one another's burdens...*"

**Eph. 4:2**—"*forbearing one another...*"

**Eph 4:32**—"*...forgiving one another...*"

**1 The. 4:18**—"*wherefore comfort one another...*"

**Heb. 10:24**—"*consider one another...*"

It would behoove all of us to take a daily look at these references to the ultimate end of being more for "one another" going to heaven! Let us strive to be kind, to love each other while all along keeping our judgments righteous and our grumbling private. Now, it's your responsibility to go and be better...one to another!

## MIA's of the Lord's Army

Tom Holland

The Lord's concern and love for spiritual MIAs is seen in his exhortation to those still fighting the good fight of faith to identify, restore and convert people who continue to be important to the savior.

World War II, which many of us vividly remember, resulted in millions of deaths, multitudes of physical and emotional wounds, thousands of widows and orphans, shattered dreams and broken hearts that never healed. In the course of the years, many grieving fathers, mothers, wives and children had their hurt taken to "the silent city." But for others, the pain of MIA loved ones still lingers.

According to the Dec. 13/20, 2008, issue of *World*, more than 50 years after the global tragedy of WWII, some 72,500 Americans are still classified as missing in action ("Rest in Peace," 13).

The New Testament often uses the metaphor of warfare in explaining the Christian life (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Cor. 10:3-5). The statistic of wartime MIAs makes one wonder how many in the Lord's army are currently missing in action.

In any city or community where the Lord's church has existed for any length of time, there are those who have wandered away spiritually. If the MIAs could be identified and restored or converted (Gal. 6:1; Jam. 5:19-20), membership in the Lord's army would probably nearly double. The Lord's concern and love for spiritual MIAs is seen in His exhortation to those still fighting the good fight of faith to identify, restore and convert people who continue to be important to the Savior.

Many people are now missing in action because the unfairness of life with its trouble, illnesses and heartaches got them so discouraged that they wandered astray. God's people often suffer trials, pain, disappointment and illness (Jam. 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:5-9). Paul knew the potential blessings of perseverance, character and hope that could come from a proper reaction to the trials of life; therefore he could say "We glory in tribulations" (Rom. 5:3 NKJV). However, if people blame God for the pain and trials of life that come from Satan, they may indeed become MIAs in the Lord's army (1 Pet. 5:8-9).

In Scripture, the Holy Spirit warned God's people of the danger Christian soldiers face. God's soldiers are admonished to refuse the efforts of the world to win conformity to its distorted values (Rom. 12:1-2). John warned, "Love not the world, neither the

things that are in the world" (1 John 2:15 KJV).

This age is a time of intellectual confusion because of such philosophies as humanism, secularism, materialism, hedonism and relativism. How many young people are now MIA because some atheistic professor robbed them of their faith or some pleasure-seeking and pleasure-preaching peers led them into a sinful life? No wonder the Bible warns of the danger of human philosophy (Col. 2:8).

The world is not only intellectually confused but also characterized by moral corruption (2 Pet. 1:3-4). The salient characteristics are identified as works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). The morality of this age is as corrupted as in the time of Isaiah when people were calling evil good and good evil (Isa. 5:20).

Killing children in the name of abortion is supposedly good. If not, why have some 50 million been so abused? Rejecting God's plan for marriage (Mat. 19:1-9) for an alternative lifestyle is supposedly good, but taking God's Word to show the sanctity of marriage of one man to one woman is evil or homophobic.

Can you imagine the suffering of parents and spouses whose beloved soldiers are unaccounted for? If so, perhaps it will give an insight into the "longsuffering of God" when some of His children are MIA. Can we not see why there is "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:7 NKJV)?

Organizations are now actively seeking the mortal remains of MIAs from WWII. On one South Sea island, the bodies of 139 sailors and Marines have recently been recovered (*World*, p. 13). Now is the time for elders, preachers and all Christians to seek actively to find, reclaim, restore and convert the MIAs of the church (Gal. 6:1). May we be moved to action by the possibility of bringing joy to heaven because, as our Savior declared, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

## Far East/World Evangelism Update

Billy Bland

During our recent trip to India in December, the manager of the hotel where we stayed asked brother Ray Maples if we could provide English Bibles for each room in the hotel (approximately 80 rooms as I recall). Of course we thought this was a great opportunity, so Ray and others went about to raise the necessary funds to purchase the English Bibles. I am happy to report that the funds were raised to purchase 100 Bibles. These Bibles have God's plan of Salvation pasted inside the front cover along with my website [www.UcanBsure.org](http://www.UcanBsure.org), which offers a free online Bible Course. Hopefully, many people will be exposed to God's Word, as well as His plan of salvation and also have an opportunity to study God's Word via the online Bible Course. Thanks to all who contributed!

Four Seas Bible College is going well with some 13 full time students from various parts of the Far East, including China, Philippines, Malaysia, Viet Nam, and Singapore. Lord willing, I will travel to Malaysia and Singapore the latter part of May and first of June in order to preach a Gospel Meeting in Klang, Malaysia and participate in the 2nd Annual Four Seas Bible College Lectureship.

Brother Cliff Lyons will soon be headed to Murmansk, Russia and two other brethren are going there later in order to conduct a Gospel Meeting.

There are so many people in the world (nearly 7 billion now) and much work to be done. In Paul's time, he was able to state that the Gospel "was preached to every creature which is under heaven" (Col. 1:23). May God bless us as we seek to do His Will in preaching the gospel to every person under heaven today. Thanks so much for your support for Russia, the far East and India.

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