

## Going Deeper For November 1, 2009

This section is provided for those who may wish to spend time this week going deeper with the material from the sermon, or for study in small groups. This is an optional opportunity to take the message and internalize and deepen your understanding. Small groups are welcome to do pieces of this as time allows

God's desire in sending Jesus as the Messiah was so much more than what we typically mean when we say "salvation". Granted, being forgiven of our sins is a critical and amazing aspect of God's plan of salvation. Yet, at the same time, we can easily overlook all the blessings of the union we have with Christ which go beyond forgiveness. One aspect of this union is the incorporation into the body of Christ – the church... we are ushered into a community in which we can share the joys and struggles of life this side of heaven.

What should characterize the interactions of this community? What should be present since this is a community which is "in Christ?" One way of answering this question is to look at the list of "one another" statements in the New Testament. This week, you will look up most of these statements. Once you look them up, read the passage and write down what it means to be in vibrant community – based on that passage.

When your list is done, look over the list and thoughtfully consider which "one another" makes the most sense for you to do this week. Here is your one MAJOR assignment – make a plan to do what God is asking you to do, this week. Then just follow through, and write down on this page what you did and when.

Rom. 12:10,16, 14:3, 15:7, 15:14; 1 Cor. 1:10; Gal. 5:13; Eph. 4:2, 32, 5:19, 21; Col. 3:13,16; 1 Thes. 5:11; Heb. 3:13, 10:24-25; 1 Peter 1:22, 3:8, 4:9, 5:5; 1John 4:7, 11, 12; 2 John 1:5.

Here is what I did to participate in the community of Christ:

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