

One Another

Text: Hebrews 3:12-15

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Hebrew letter was penned to Christians in danger of falling away
2. The writer sets forth a "better" way...
 - Better messenger (1:4)
 - Better priest (7:7)
 - Better hope (7:17; 10:34)
 - Better testament (7:22; 8:6)
 - Better promises (8:6)
 - Better sacrifice (9:23)These "better" things enable children of God to continue on, faithful to the end.
3. While not using the term "better" we find that the value of Christians to one another is indeed better - in fact some of the best we have. It will be the basis of our study today.

DISCUSSION:

I. Exhort One Another (3:12-15; 10:25)

1. "Exhort" — Call along side; call to a course of conduct (cf. Galatians 6:1; Jude 22-23)
2. Need for exhortation (13) — Sin is deceitful; hardening
3. How can we exhort one another? — Teaching & study (Acts 8:22); Actions (1 Corinthians 11:1); letters (much of Paul's writing)...

II. Consider One Another To Provoke Unto Love and Good Works (10:24)

1. We have the responsibility to "provoke" one another (stimulate, sharpen feelings)
2. The purpose of such actions — "unto love and good works"
3. Perhaps the most important word of the verse - "consider" - perceive clearly, intently (cf. 3:1)

III. Love One Another (13:1)

1. Should not be a strange command - John 13:35; 1 John 3:11; 4:7...
2. Our love must not be only in word, but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:18) (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

IV. Be Hospitable (13:2)

1. "Entertain" — receive as a guest; love toward strangers
2. We are to be "given" to such an attitude according to Romans 13:2
3. How? — Acts 2:42; James 1:27 ...

V. Be Compassionate (13:3)

1. Our feeling toward one another is as if we are partakers with them. (Cf. Romans 12:15)
2. Such is an outgrowth of love, is love demonstrated

Conclusion:

1. Clearly the inspired writer saw that we need one another to continue onward.
2. Such attitudes must be in us and be found in our homes, in the church, in society