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Body Building #2 -- "Greet One Another"

The Bible contains six clear lessons on the Greek Word Allelon (Al lay lone), which means "one another."

Paul is saying that the church is a place of _____ Ref: Romans 16:1-6

Do people enter our church today and find our church to be places of affection, or do they leave sadly disillusioned and disappointed.

People need people. People need affection. That is the way God made us.

Romans Chapter 12:10. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

The Church deserves affection because the church is the Bride Of-Christ.

Three Observations of Our Text Today.

#1 There are sixteen verses. There were twenty seven people mentioned by name.

When that _____ relationship with God is right, it is amazing how deep and rich those _____ relationships begin to become.

Second observation-----I counted seventeen personal references or titles.

But seventeen descriptions of these people suggest to me that these are not just a crowd of names put in obscurely at the end of some letter. These are people that Paul knew in an intimate way.

It is hard to feel affectionate towards a body of strangers.

True religion is not about ritual it is about a _____ with God and with _____.

The answer to affection in the modern church is involvement in a ministry, class, small group, and with one another.

The third observation I made is that there are nineteen references to commending, greeting, or kissing. Nineteen.

Paul never missed an opportunity to build somebody up.

We must realize that there is room in Jesus Church for all kinds of people. We will not have affectionate churches until we make room in the church for all kinds of people.

In the Body of Christ (The Church) we have the perfect catalyst for affection. We have the perfect environment for love, because we have the freedom to be ourselves. And yet we share this common bond in our commitment to Jesus.

But Satan takes this God designed diversity, that we talked about last week and he comes in and he accentuates the differences, in an attempt to ruin an atmosphere favorable to affection.