



# Certainty Conference 2019

The Church is a FAMILY – RELATIONSHIP

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**I. CALLED TO BE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*John 3:1-3*

Ephesians 1:17-20

Ephesians 3:14-15

Ephesians 2:19

“Blood is thicker than water”  
Matthew 12:46-50

**II. CALLED TO DO:** \_\_\_\_\_

The “One Another Commands” of the New Testament

- **Love**
  - Be kindly affectionate (Rom 12:10; Eph 4:32).
  - Prefer (Rom 12:10; 1 Ti 5:21).
  - Greet with a kiss (Rom 16:16; 1 Co 13:12).
  - Care for (1 Co 12:25).

- Serve (Gal 5:13).
- Bear burdens (Gal 6:2).
- Comfort (1 Th 4:18).
- Have compassion (1 Pe 3:8).
- Be Hospitable (1 Pe 4:9).

How do we measure LOVE in the local church?

- **Unity**

- Don't judge over liberties (Rom 14:13).
- Be likeminded (Rom 15:5).
- Receive (Rom 15:7).
- Don't be puffed up against (1 Co 4:6).
- Don't sue (1 Co 6:7).
- Don't attack (Gal 5:15).
- Don't provoke (Gal 5:26).
- Don't envy (Gal 5:26).
- Forgive (Eph 4:32; Col 3:13).
- Don't lie (Col 3:9).
- Don't speak evil (Ja 4:11).
- Don't grudge (Ja 5:9).
- Confess faults (Ja 5:16).
- Pray for (Ja 5:16).
- Be subject or submit (1 Pe 5:5).

How do we measure UNITY in the local church?

- **Training**

- Edify (Rom 14:19; 1 Th 5:11).
- Admonish (Rom 15:14; Col 3:16).
- Forbear (Eph 4:2; Col 3:13).
- Exhort (Heb 3:13; 10:25).
- Consider to provoke to good works (10:24).

How do we measure TRAINING in the local church?

### III. CALLED TO AVOID: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Social welfare

We are to meet the needs of the family (I John 3:17-18)

We are to care for orphans and widows (I Timothy 5)

Churches help other churches in times of need. (I Corinthians 16; 2 Corinthians 8)

#### Parachurch Fellowship

The local church is the place where believers find belonging (I Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 2:19-22)

The local church is the place where believers find encouragement (Romans 12:15; I Corinthians 12:26; Hebrews 10:25)

The local church is the place where believers find accountability (Romans 16:17-18; I Corinthians 5:9-11; II Thessalonians 3:14-15).

#### Church splits

God prescribes a plan for resolving conflict within the local church (Matthew 18).

Reproduction is to be the result of a healthy process of development not the result of unhealthy division (Genesis 1:11-12).