

Sermon Outline
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Love Covers a Multitude
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Sermon Text: 1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

“Keep loving”- what is love?

Affinity, affection, kinship, covenant relationship.

C.f. Luke 6:32-36

The churches that received this letter.

Scattered around Asia Minor

Only one congregation available in a geographic region.

We tend to leave one another rather than love one another.

Here is how you can go about determining whether this is an offense you should overlook, or an offense you should address¹.

EXAMINE YOURSELF

EXAMINE YOURSELF AGAIN

DETERMINE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS

BE SENSITIVE

SEEK COUNSEL

Christ has come in fulfilment of God's plan!

We belong to one another! Not by race, affinity, ordinary affection but by Covenant relationship which leads to KINSHIP.

¹ Chris Brauns, “Unpacking Forgiveness: Biblical Answers for Complex Questions and Deep Wounds” (Crossway)