

“Not I, But Christ: Standing Firm” (Part 2)
Galatians 5:13-16

To Stand Firmly, We Must Stand Freely – Ga 5:1 (by His indwelling life, in His amazing grace and liberating truth)

To Stand Firmly, We Must Stand Faithfully – Ga 5:5-7 (in the ongoing obedience of faith)

To Stand Firmly, We Must Stand Fraternally... As a Family – Ga 5:13-16

(We must learn to practice the presence of God... and the presence of people!)

God’s Will Is a Family – Ga 5:13

- None of us has a private, solo salvation package with God – 1 Cor 12:13
 - ... Every conflict/difficulty is an “opportunity” to love – Ga 5:13
 - ... Our free “Yes” to God’s indwelling Spirit activates and energizes God’s love – Ga 5:6,16,22
- Our freedom never contradicts the self-giving nature of Jesus Christ – Ga 5:13

God’s Will Is a Family Characterized by His Love – Ga 5:14; Jo 13:34-35; 1 Jo 4:7-19

- This requires nothing less than the Spirit of Love Himself – Ga 5:16
 - ... Freely cooperate by faith with His operation to love in and through us – Ga 2:20
 - ... Line up under His authority and His ability to be and to do what only He can be and do – Ga 5:22-23
- He is where we find our place to stand firm in an ever-changing world – Heb 13:8
 - ... God’s family is our culture of beingness and identity – Jo 17:17
 - ... A safe place to bring our “humanity” – Acts 19:18; Ja 5:16

We Communicate and “Concretize”, Proclaim and “Personalize” the Love of God

- By “one anothering” (see back side)
 - ... we see each conflict as an opportunity to be and do what is best for others – Ga 5:13
 - ... we trust the Holy Spirit to bring His “one anothering” Life to bear upon the moment – Ga 5:16
- We stand firmly as human expressions of His Divine Character – Ga 5:22-23

“Be at peace with one another” – Mk 9:50; 1 Thess 5:13

“Give preference to one another/honor one another” – Ro 12:10

“Be of the same mind toward one another” – Ro 12:16; 15:5

“Build up one another” – Ro 14:19; 1 Thess 5:11

“Accept one another” – Ro 15:7

“Admonish one another” – Ro 15:14; Col 3:16

“Greet one another” – Ro 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 11 Cor 13:12; 1 Pet 5:14

“Wait for one another” – 1 Cor 11:33

“Care for one another” – 1 Cor 12:25

“Serve one another” – Ga 5:13; 1 Pet 4:10

“Be patient with one another” / “forebear one another” – Eph 4:2

“Be kind to one another” – Eph 4:32

“Speak to one another in psalms and hymns” (= sing to one another!) – Eph 5:19

“Submit to one another” – Eph 5:21

“Esteem, regard one another as more important than yourself” – Phil 2:3

“Bear with one another” – Col 3:13

“Comfort one another” – 1 Thess 4:18

“Encourage one another” – 1 Thess 5:11; Heb 3:13

“Stimulate one another to love and good deeds” – Heb 10:24

“Confess your sins to one another” – Ja 5:16

“Pray for one another” – Ja 5:16

“Be hospitable to one another without complaint” – 1 Pet 4:9

“Be humble toward one another” – 1 Pet 5:5

“Have fellowship with one another” – 1 Jo 1:7

“Wash one another’s feet” – Jo 13:34

“Bear one another’s burdens” – Ga 6:2

“Forgive each other” – Eph 4:32; Col 3:13

“Love one another” – Jo 13:34 (plus 16 others!)