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# Foundations of Christian Life

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### III. CONDITIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP

#### A. Honouring One Another:

*Romans 12:10*, “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another.”

Depth of fellowship will depend upon the depth of commitment, and without a basic trust of one another there can be no fellowship.

#### B. Loving One Another:

*John 13:34*, “A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

This kind of love mentioned here is the sacrificial kind (Greek *agape*) that caused God to send Jesus to die for our sins. We didn’t qualify for that kind of love, but God gave it anyway! Read *John 15:12*.

#### C. Not Pursuing Selfish Interest:

*Philippians 2:3,4*, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interest, but also for the interests of others.”

Our motivation and desires should not be towards what we gain from others, but what we can give. This produces a loving environment for fellowship.

#### D. Willingness To Sacrifice:

*John 15:13*, “Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

Jesus here speaks of his preparedness to lay down His life for those who follow Him.