



*The Sixth Step:  
Brotherly Affection*  
Climbing God's Ladder

*2 Peter 1:5-11*

For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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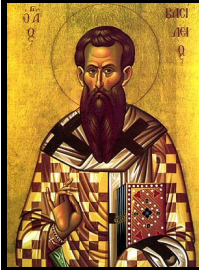
Greek: *philadelphia*

"brotherly love"

*John 13:34-35*

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."





“It is our care for the helpless, our practice of lovingkindness, that brands us in the eyes of many of our opponents. ‘Only look,’ they say, ‘how they love one another.’”

Tertullian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century

“They love one another...

They don’t consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the Spirit, in God.”



Aristides to Emperor Hadrian  
2<sup>nd</sup> Century

*1 John 3:10*

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

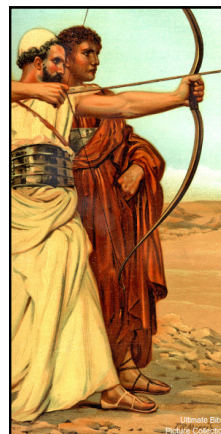


*1 John 3:11-15*

We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother.

*1 John 4:20-21*

If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: **whoever loves God must also love his brother.**



*1 Samuel 18:1*

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

## *James 2:1*

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? (NLT)



## *Colossians 3:12-14*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other...

## *James 2:15-16*

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

## *Acts 4:32-37*

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

## *1 John 3:16-18*

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

## *1 Peter 2:17*

Honor everyone.  
Love the brotherhood.  
Fear God. Honor the emperor.

