

Final Words of Koinonia

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II Corinthians 13:11-14 ¹¹Finally, brothers, rejoice! Aim for perfect harmony, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints send you greetings. ¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** Paul begins with a **Greek** word that was used by Jews as a “farewell” greeting. Literally the word meant “go on your way in **joy**”. V. 11
- B.** Paul uses a **musical** illustration to illustrate how the Corinthian church should function. V. 11 The **disharmony** came from some believing in false gospels, from some of them rejecting Paul’s authority to speak into their church, and from some immoral lifestyles.
- C.** Paul is promoting **accountability** by asking them to encourage one another. V. 11
- D.** Paul encouraged them to live in the perfect **Shalom** of God. V. 11
- E.** When all of this is done, God will **show up** and do His part. V. 11
- F.** Paul continued to encourage **appropriate** touching in God’s family. V. 12
- G.** The church in Macedonia wanted to **greet** them as well. V. 13
- H.** Paul invoked a **trinitarian** farewell to the church in Corinth. V. 14

II. How can we put these truths into action?

- A.** We need to not cut corners in **communication**. The use of respectful language, honest words of encouragement, and attention to detail in **communication** is being lost in our culture.
- B.** A local church **advances** the Kingdom of God when its Koinonia is strong. Koinonia is our **spiritual** fellowship that the early church was devoted to.
- C.** A local church that is **healthy** has accountability relationships within its fellowship.
- D.** The **peace** of God among its people is trait of a healthy church.
- E.** We must seek to reestablish healthy **touching** within our fellowship. Covid has damaged this in so many churches.
- F.** God is showing up **here!**