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And He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Colossians 3:12-14

God has graciously chosen us in love to be set apart to Himself.

"So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved...." Colossians 3:12a

- 1. We should treat others with compassion
- 2. We should treat others with kindness.
- 3. We should treat others with humility.

"For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith." Romans 12:3

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4

- 4. We should treat others with gentleness.
- 5. We should treat others with patience.
- 6. We should bear with one another.

In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity - Rupertus Meldenius

7. We should treat others with forgiveness.

This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; James 1:19

8. Put on love

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