

**How to take care of each other in
the spiritual kingdom of Christ?**

Matthew 5 - 7

UNITED
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Introduction

- The church is a spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ on the earth. Apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 2:9 “ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

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- In the sermon on the mount, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus Christ gave us kingdom principles to deal with each other. He said:
 - Your righteousness has to be like God. “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” ~Mt 5:48

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- You should be graceful to each other.
- You should be generous to each other.
- You should live by the golden rule. “So in everything, do to others what you have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” Mt 7:12

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- Jesus said “ Be perfect, therefore as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
- Stander of our righteousness is God himself.
- Apostle Paul writes is Php. 2: 5
- “Your attitude should be the same that of Christ Jesus.”

We should live a Godly life.

- In the body of Christ, it is important that each one should adhere to this standard.
- Our goal should be to become like Jesus Christ.

We should be graceful to each other.

- We need to deal with each with grace. It is characterized by:
- Peaceful living
- Not hurting each other
- Not getting angry
- By being forgiving

We should be graceful to each other.

- By keeping promises
- By not being judgmental
- By loving each other
- By being generous to each other in everything
- It is this kind of life God wants to live as kingdom people.

We should live by the golden rule.

- Jesus said “ So in everything, do to others what you have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the prophets.”
- In Gal 6:7-10, Paul says do good to all people, especially to those, who belong to the family of believers.

CONCLUSION

- Church is the spiritual kingdom of Christ on the earth. As kingdom people, we should be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. We should treat each other with grace. We should be generous to each other in everything and we should live by the Golden Rule.

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- In Ezekiel chapter 34, God rebuked the leaders and the people for not taking care of each other.
- In Matt 23, Jesus rebuked the religious leaders for not taking caring of the people.

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- The nation of Israel went into seventy year of captivity because they failed to love God and His people with all their heart, mind and strength.
- Let us learn from this and live as kingdom people.