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Common Bonds, part 2

1 Corinthians 16:12-24

Paul's final words in 1 Corinthians, reminds believers of the importance of right living based on right theology. The challenge is for believers to live according to our profession of faith in Jesus. Believers are encouraged to be missional, faithful, loving and grace giving. "The grace of the Lord Jesus," ends the letter as it began, reminding us our that salvation and greatest common bond is found only in Jesus Christ.

Additional Verses:

Joshua 1:6, 9

Matthew 22:34-40

John 14:15-24

Acts 1:8

Romans 3:24

2 Thessalonians 2:15

1 Peter 4:8 Jude 3

Outline:

1. The common bond of missions.

2. The common bond of faithfulness.

3. The common bond of love.

4. The common bond of grace.

Study Questions:

1. How are we united in missions? Why is the common bond of missions important to the church and to Red Bank?

2. Why are believers repeatedly encouraged to stand fast in the faith? What are some biblical truths currently being attacked? How can you stand firm against those attacks?

3. Why does Paul return to the importance of love? Why is love such an important characteristic for believers? How can you practically demonstrate this characteristic?

4. What is the importance of salvation being a grace gift? How does grace empower believers to live out our salvation?

5. Why does grace begin and end the letter to the Corinthians? How can you practice grace in your life?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?