# Make Certain About His Calling And Choosing You 2 Pet. 1:5-11

In Your Faith Supply... Brotherly Kindness... Love

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# Brotherly kindness.

- From the Greek word "Philadelphia" ("phileo" = love, and "adelphos" = a brother) literally "love for the brethren" *Heb.* 13:1
- It means to prefer the company of Christians above others. *Rom.* 12:10

- The importance of brotherly love:
  - Commanded by the Lord.
    John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:19-20
  - It is our duty before God.
    - 1 John 3:17-18; 1 Pet. 2:17
  - Paul prayed that we abound in love for one another. 1 Thess. 3:11-12

#### Love.

• From the Greek word "agape". Vine's Exp. Dict. of N.T. Words: "Christian love, whether exercised toward the brethren, or toward men generally, is not an impulse from the feelings, it does not always run with the natural inclinations, nor does it spend itself only upon those for whom some affinity is discovered. Love seeks the welfare of all, Rom. 15:2, and works no ill to any, 13:8-10; love seeks opportunity to do good to 'all men, and especially towards them that are of the household of the faith,' Gal. 6:10."

- The characteristics of love:
  - It is sincere. *Rom. 12:9a; 1 Pet. 1:22-23*
  - It is compassionate. Rom. 13:10; Matt. 22:36-40
  - It is benevolent. 2 Cor. 8:1-5, 24
  - It is patient. Eph. 4:1-2
  - It is forgiving. Eph. 4:32; 2 Cor. 2:8; 1 Pet. 4:8

- Brotherly kindness and love can be seen when...
  - We correct a mistaken brother. Acts 18:24-26
  - We rebuke a brother who sins against us. Luke 17:3
  - We forgive a brother. Luke 17:4
  - We encourage the fainthearted. 1 Thess. 5:14; Rom. 12:15
  - We are attentive to other's needs.
    1 John 3:17; James 2:14-16

