

"The Dark One-Anothers" February 16, 2025 Pastor Bear Clifton

I. If we were to invent a religion, we would not invent Christianity. Christianity is not "obvious". Why?

II. What are the 'dark' one-anothers?

JUDGING

"Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another." – Romans 14:13

BITING AND DEVOURING

"If you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another." – Galatians 5:15

ENVYING AND PROVOKING

"Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." - Galatians 5:26

LYING AND SLANDERING

"Do not lie to one another." – Colossians 3:9

"Do not speak evil against one another, brothers." – James 4:11-12

GRUMBLING

"Do not grumble against one another." – James 5:9

III. Why do we give in so easily to the 'dark' one-anothers?

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C.S. Lewis: "The essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind."

IV. How do we combat these things? Just try harder?

Christianity is not about behavior modification – it's all about