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that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love...

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- ❖ To make by interlocking loops of wool or yarn
- ❖ Unite or cause to unite
- ❖ We are a single unit - Ephesians 2:19-22
- ❖ Love is what interlocks and unites us (Col. 3:14)
- ❖ Have to be in touching to be knit together

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“The members of the body must be in contact if they are to sustain and be sustained by each other. Christian redemption is not devised to be a solitary thing, though each individual of course has a unique and direct relationship with God, and God alone is his or her Lord and Judge. But the Life is one that requires some regular and profound conjunction with others who share it.”

- Dallas Willard

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❖ Full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge...of Christ Himself.

- ❖ Love and Knowledge inseparable
- ❖ Love has a full knowledge of God (I John 4:7-8)
 - ❖ God so-loved the world (John 3:16)
 - ❖ Even when we were enemies (Rom. 5:10)
 - ❖ Even when we were hostile (Col. 1:21)
 - ❖ Is my love for man the same as God's?
- ❖ Love grows in knowledge (Philippians 1:9-10)
- ❖ Dictates how we treat each other (Eph 4:1-3)
- ❖ Dictates that we are together (Col. 3:16)

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- ❖ Hearts that are encouraged
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- ❖ Knit together unto all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge...of Christ Himself.
- ❖ So that no one will delude you with persuasive argument