

**Christian Culture  
Proximity & Presence (Part 2)**

**Oswego RP Church  
29 March 2023**

**I. Christian affection should lead to harmony (Phil. 1:27-2:5)**

- A. Manner of life worthy of the gospel.
- B. If there is any affection and sympathy...
- C. Where is our shared life visible?

**II. Faith should lead to works of love. (Js. 2:14-17)**

- A. Sunday morning greetings
- B. Tuesday afternoon labors.

**III. The strong have an obligation to the weak. (Ro. 15:1-7)**

- A. The strong may see no need for the weak.
- B. The strong may feel no obligation to the weak.
- C. Jesus proves our intuition wrong.
- D. Welcoming one another.

**IV. Christians walk in the light. (1 Jn. 1:1-10)**

- A. Jesus came near to John.
- B. Church community is a goal of evangelism.
- C. Open life: fellowship and atonement.
- D. Achan's alternative

**V. Convenience for what?**

- A. These principles are familiar to you all.
- B. Proximity doesn't make you love anyone,
- C. How do you weigh competing demands?
- D. Who stands to benefit?

**VI. Baby steps**

- A. Invite
- B. Hire
- C. School
- D. Move

**VII. Troubleshooting proximity**

- A. Communes and cults
- B. What about my family?
- C. What about outreach?
- D. What about secret prayer?
- E. What if I just don't like these people?