

circumstance in which our efforts to preserve and promote peace may be suspended. This is the force of 'as much as in you lieth.' On the other hand, we may never be at peace with sin and error."²

Since this is a responsibility that the Lord has enjoined, it is necessary that thought and effort be given to the matter. Also, if Christ has commanded that we love one another and evidence such love by working together in harmony, it must be that He has also given instruction as to how to prevent disharmony. The following discussion is an attempt to work through that instruction with the objective of discovering the biblical method of preventing conflicts in interteam relations.

Preventing Conflict Through Good Communication

Improving Communication by Changing the Heart

"Effective communication is the transmission and reception of ideas and feelings for the establishment of mutual understanding, agreement, and a favorable response."³ The communications process could be depicted as shown on the following page.

² John Murray, The Epistle to the Romans, vol. 2, The New International Commentary on the New Testament, (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1965), pp. 139, 140,

³ Kelinski and Wolfford, Local Church, p. 111