

Community Life

“Members one of another” – The Significance of our Commitment

Romans 12:4-8 – Our Union with Christ, Foundational to All Helping

"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,"⁵ "so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."⁶ "Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;"⁷ "if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;"⁸ "or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.")

1. We are ALL one with Christ, through our union with Him.
2. Christ uses us in the building up of His body.
3. We must engage with the skills and gifts God has given us.

Romans 15:13-14 – Trusting Christ and Engaging with One Another

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."¹⁴ "And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another."¹⁵ "But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,"

1. Believing and trusting in God, leads to peace.
2. We are capable to be helpful with one another, because Christ enables us.
3. Goodness and knowledge leading to helpful admonishing.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit."⁵ "And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord."⁶ "There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*."⁷ "But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."⁸ "For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;"⁹ "to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,"¹⁰ "and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues."¹¹ "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills."

1. The Holy Spirit equips us as He sees fit for the building up of the body.
2. We are not here by accident, given the Lord's commitment to His people and Glory.
3. We work NOT for ourselves but for the body? Will we?

1 Corinthians 12:18-19

"But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be?"