

Body Building -- "Members of One Another"

Text: Romans 12:4-5

And He (Jesus) is the head of the body, the church. Colossians 1:18

The Bible says clearly, the church is the body of Jesus.

The church is not an organization, it is an organism. The church is an organism, it is a living thing.

Jesus is continuing to walk among us, and to move in this world through the members of his body the church. The church is the present-day expression of Jesus Christ Himself.

Alleluia "al----lay-----lone" Paul uses it forty times in his letters. And is translated one---another.

The most common "one-another command" in the Bible? ----- Love one another.

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 1st Corinthians 12:12

To Understand Body Membership

First, You Will Put An Emphasis On _____. Membership in a body is absolutely essential to the prevention of decay.

You cannot function as a member of the body and survive without the body. One thing we've got to learn is that _____ is an American virtue. But it is not a Christian virtue.

And Secondly When You Understand Body Membership-----You Put An Emphasis On _____.

Paul is very clear on this. He says in 1st Corinthians 12:12. The body is a _____ though it is made up of many parts;

Unity takes effort. It takes work; it takes involvement and discipline, and regimen to keep a body working well.

How do we keep our church united?

- Keep our mission in focus.
- Keep busy. Active churches grow and avoid conflict.
- Get involved. Use your spiritual gifts

What are we going to do to continue to make this happen?

1. Assess your involvement in the church.

2. You've got to assume some initiative.

As a church if we are going to be in shape, we have to feed on the right things, especially the Word of God.

It's time to get up off the pew, & exercise your gift. And play the role God has assigned you to play as a member of the body.

We are living in a great time of opportunity. Let's reap a harvest for Jesus.