

buildingfaith-together

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love."

Read Romans 12, 15

We each have different purposes and gifts, all which help one another better come to know Christ, through us. We are all one in Christ, working to seek Him together. Let us use these gifts to serve one another and thus serve the Lord!

Read 1 Corinthians 12

There is not a part of the body which is worth less than another, but each is just as important in accomplishing our purpose together. Do not feel as if your purpose is greater or less important than others, but we all work together to receive our eternal promise. Those things that seem less important actually turn out to be that which holds us together.

1 John 4:7-16 - Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

God presents Himself and His will for us through others! Can we humble ourselves to listen to one another? We might just learn something from a seemingly less honorable member of the body. God has designed this for us - that we can teach and learn from one another through His love. Have you ever felt like the words someone has preached don't really apply to you, that they only concern those who are not obedient, like us? I must confess I have been guilty of this: patting myself on the back when I should have been allowing my life to be transformed by the word of God. Or have we forgotten that when any man speaks anything based on God's word, he speaks as the oracles of God? (**1 Peter 4:11**) Let us then hear the word of God, and seek to apply it in our lives. Whenever the word of the Lord is spoken, it has the power to change our hearts and conform us to the image of Christ.

Galatians 6:1-6 - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

Colossians 2:1-3 - For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

When we are knit together in love, we attain these things together and boldly approach the throne of grace.

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