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The Body of Christ



"For as our physical body is one and has many members so also is Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12

Is this not a most descriptive scripture?? Then the scripture goes on to say. "The eye cannot say to the ear I have no need of you."

Now, who or what is this remarkable "body of Christ"?? Well, first off we know that we are to be the body of Christ. Not some little wafer we eat, not a sign we so religiously, phony, piously make. We know we must die out to all our old life to become a part of "His body", His life. That means we give our body as a living sacrifice.

If we are a part of the "body of Christ" there is no jealousy or envy as each member has found his place and is doing what the body wills for him to do. If he is the intestine and is doing his job he is not jealous of the mouth doing its job although one is seen and one is not seen.

All is working together in harmony doing what it is called to do. When the finger gets broken, the body takes care of it while it recuperates.

Arrogance and self-righteousness have no place in the body as it would hinder the flow of each member doing his job. One member thinking it knows more than another would cause great sickness. Can the nose say to the ear I have no need of you????

Independence cannot be tolerated in the body as each member works for the good of the whole.

A healthy body is one who has the Lord as his Shepherd and he does not want. Any encumbrance would be like a cancer or a spot or blemish — keeping the body from becoming that light to the world, a city set on a hill.

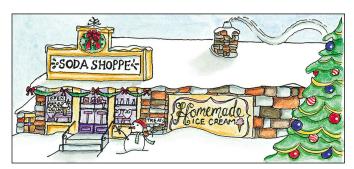
The life of the "body of Christ" is sustained by the blood of Christ — sweet, merciful, no vengeance — anger only toward any virus that would try to create havoc.

Yes, indeed, the body of Christ is a most remarkable miracle born by the will of our Father; born by the gospel Paul, Jesus and I preach. It is a tabernacle built without hands in which God Himself can dwell.

It is up to you and me to drink in the pure gospel — not the one being spread abroad by the false preachers who void the cross and try to make the old Adam man the body of Christ. You will all be known by the fruit that you bear. The leaves on your tree will either be for the healing of the nations or you will be like the fruitless fig tree which God sees only as a tare to be hacked down and thrown in the fire.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them and He will be their God and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death. Neither will there be any more sorrow, nor crying, nor pain for the former things have passed away, behold all things are new."

And such as this is the body of Christ, our great Redeemer.



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