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# Roamin' In Romans Romans Chapter 12

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## The Body Fit Together

Romans 12:4,5

- 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:  
5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

**LAST WEEK:** We spend our time looking at these verses on the Body of Christ. Here are a few things that we saw...

- \* It is the BODY OF CHRIST, not any individual.  
Acts 17:28 – "...in Him we live and move and have our being..." In His body!  
Ephesians 5:30 – "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."
- \* He is the HEAD.  
Ephesians 5:23  
Therefore, He calls the shots. Everything the body does is based on HIM, and HIM alone!  
When you operate on your own...you are a problem.
- \* We are all UNIQUE, but we are all ONE (unity).  
God needs our differences.
- \* God places us where HE wants us.  
1 Corinthians 12:18 – "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."
- \* It is OUR JOB to care for the body...the whole body.  
Does your hand not wash your legs, because they are not hands?  
1 Corinthians 12:25 – "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another."
- \* It takes faith. Romans 12:3

I want to take some more time on this area...because it is SO IMPORTANT.

## Why do we need to be in the body, in our place in the body?

- 1.) **The blessing comes to the body...nowhere else.**

Psalms 133:1-3

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
- 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for **there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.**

**BELOVED:** You've got to be in your place.

2.) **The authority of God comes to the body...nowhere else.**Ephesians 1:17-24

- 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **(know who HE is)**
- 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **(know who YOU are; know what YOU have)**
- 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, **(know what YOU can do)**
- 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,
- 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- 22 **And hath put all things under his feet**, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
- 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

**BELOVED:** You can do all the things that the Bible says you can do...as long as you stay in your place in the Body of Christ.

## Not Just a Part of the Body...Attached to the Body!

Ephesians 4:4-8

- 4 **There is one body**, and one Spirit, even **as ye are called in one hope of your calling**;
- 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 **One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**
- 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave gifts unto men.**

Ephesians 4:11 – “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;”

Ephesians 4:12-16

- 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- 13 **Till we all come in the unity** of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (Christ's body)
- 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, **whereby they lie in wait to deceive**;
- 15 But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.**
- 16 From **whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth**, according to the **effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body** unto the edifying of itself in love.

There is a lot of unpack in this portion of Scripture...but my focus is on verse sixteen (16).

The WHOLE BODY (all of it, every part) needs to be FITLY JOINED TOGETHER...and must DO THEIR PART!

**BELOVED:** Not just a part of the body...but attached to the body...where it is to be attached.

Not just laying by itself...but FIT TOGETHER.

Hebrews 10:25 – “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

**"Covenant"** – An intimate, intricate and binding relationship between two or more people to unite their strengths, in order to eliminate their weaknesses.

You can't do your own thing, without being around one another, and still operate correctly...enjoying the benefits.

#### Colossians 2:1-4

1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

**MAYBE** talk about Laodicea being lukewarm (neither hot or cold).

Colossae was to the south...resort town, in the hot summer people flocked to it to enjoy the freezing cold water from the mountains.

Hierapolis was to the north of Laodicea and was famous for its hot springs.

To get the best of both to Laodicea (who had neither), they built a series of clay conduits to bring the cold and hot water to their city. However, the water, by the time it got to Laodicea was warm and tainted by the clay pipes. They spit it out of their mouth.

**NOTE:** They were not passionate about what they needed to be passionate about.

2 That their hearts might be comforted, **being knit together in love**, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

**"Knit TOGETHER"** – remember David and Jonathan.

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 And this I say, **lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.**

**"BEGUILE"** – to cast a spell

The enemy loves to LIE and CAST A SPELL on Christians to make them think they can do it by themselves...their own ways.

**Don't let anyone beguile you!**

## Help Carry the Care?

#### 1 Peter 5:6,7

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 **Casting all your care upon him**; for he careth for you.

**IN OTHER WORDS:** Quit trying to stress and be anxious about how you are going to do things...just do it His ways.

I heard someone say that we were not created, by God, **to be a beast of burden** (a donkey or mule that carries a load)...to be **weighted down with heavy burdens**.

**REMEMBER:** Abraham took the care of his baby in Genesis 16 and flubbed it all...he didn't take the care in Genesis 22 and succeeded.

2 Corinthians 12:25 – "That there should be no schism in the body; but that **the members should have the same care one for another.**"

#### Galatians 6:1-5

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 **Bear ye one another's burdens**, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

This is the picture of someone struggling with a large load, that is too big, we are to go to them and help them out.

**BELOVED #1:** We are to carry one another's burdens. Help each other out. Because we are the body.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** If your back itches...your hand immediately scratches to eliminate the load.

**BELOVED #2:** Don't assume the whole load. If they are not working, you shouldn't either.

3 ***For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.***

(Romans 12:3)

**BELOVED:** Never be too high or arrogant over others...help them...love them.

We can do that when others mess up...we think, "Well, I would never!" Yet we have!

Vs. 5 – We are responsible for how we act towards others.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden (actions).

**BELOVED:** Different parts of the body can be BURDENED DOWN with finances, marriages, friendships, a problem at work, a rebellious child...they need help.

**How can we help, as members of the body?**

- \* Talk with them
- \* Listen to them (don't listen to just give answers, or wait for a pause)
- \* Testify to them
- \* Pray with them
- \* Help them unload those burdens on HIM!

**UNDERSTAND:** If you are burdened with your own things...it is really hard to help others with their own.