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Romans 12:4-5, **“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”**

Our natural bodies have many parts; the head, arms, legs, liver, eyes, and so forth. Couldn't name them all anyway as I wasn't that good at Biology. It doesn't take a degree from any University to know that each body part has its own usage and purpose as determined by our creator, God. Paul is not speaking of the natural body, though he uses it to form an analogy. He is alluding to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ and its makeup. A number of people make up a local church assembly of believers but they don't all have the same calling (the same purpose or office to fill in the church). It saddens me when some older members begin to feel their usage to the church is no longer needed. Right the contrary! Their collective wisdom is very important to the younger ones coming on. We must all remember that each member has an office to fill. It may be as a minister, as a deacon, offering public prayer, leading the singing, or sitting on the pew and praying for a blessed service.

Our non-members are also important to the church body as their rejoicing in the truth and the prayers offered up help so much in a feeling of warmth and joy within the church. Whatever our situation, we all should be like minded in praying for the blessing of God's Spirit to be among us as we worship the one true and living God. How **“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”** (Amos 3:3). This was surely the case on the day of Pentecost. In Acts 2:1 we find **“...when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”** Many of the saints of God were gathered in one place and were all like-minded in bringing glory to the Lord. They **“continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart”** (Acts 2:46). We should never compromise the true principles of scripture just to “get along”. Rather, as in Romans 12, where Paul was teaching them to come together as many members, they were to be one body of believers.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit brought them all together as one for the purpose of giving glory to God. In Acts 4:21 to vs. 24 we find Peter and John being threatened for speaking the things which God had given them of the gospel. A devoted body of believers were waiting for them when they heard that they had been released and **“...they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:...”**

There are many people in the world today that do not believe in Christ, or God, or the Holy Spirit. Some claim some sort of deity but not of Christian belief. Let us as believers of our Saviour Jesus Christ, all find common ground among us to stand against the attacks being made on Christianity and that which is just and right. Let us adhere to the teaching of Paul and walk together in true understanding of this verse, **“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another”** (Romans 12:5). *Think about it!*