

**God didn't make us \_\_\_\_\_ at the first birth and we are not intended to be identical at the second birth.**

“For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they *were* all one member, where *would be* the body? But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

- Diversity isn't just an **accidental** attribute of the body it's all part of the divine plan.
- We need YOU! The gifts, talents, insights, potential that God has given YOU to Bless the Body!

**We should Love Every Member of the Church Because Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Church.**

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ***For no one ever hated his own flesh***, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.” Ephesians 5:25-32

- No one hates his own flesh...! Paul, time and again compares the church to a body.
- One reason to love the church is because we have been commanded to love the church. Jn 13:34-35

**We should Love Every Member of the Church Because The Church is God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **from whom the whole family** in heaven and earth is named... Ephesians 3:14-19

- The members of the church should guard each other in the same way because we are a family.
- You are related to family by blood.

**We should Love Every Member of the Church Because of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:5-7

- When rooted together in Christ, we can withstand difficulties due to our connections.

**We should Love Every Member of the Church Because the Church is the Pillar & Ground of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

“These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:14, 15

- The Church Has Been A Conscience in the Society. We are salt and light.
- The Church shows Love and Compassion to the Unlovable. **Love the Church! Be the Church!**