

Truly Great to Grow Together

4.3 Grow As One Body



Bible Verse: : Romans 12 : 5

So in Christ we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.

Proclaim: *Forgive and encourage one another, so that others may see we are the Lord's family.*

Truth: Just as a body has different parts, the members of Jesus Christ's church are each different. And if a member suffers, the rest also suffer. If a member attains glory, the rest will share the joy. Hence, we must help one another and grow together.



Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Lesson: (1) The Church is God's Body – *Explain: The church is not a building but a group of people united in the Lord Jesus. The Bible addresses the Lord's church as "The Lord's body" because we are born by one Spirit into one family. Christ Jesus is the Head of the church, the sovereign leader of the body. He is before all things and Ruler of all. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Ephesians 2:19-22, 4:15-16)*

(2) Each part has different functions – *Explain: Each part of the body has different function and ability. "If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you!'" No part is dispensable. Thus, we have to respect one another, to praise, encourage and build each other's faith. (1 Corinthians 12:17-25)*

(3) God wants us to love one another – *God indeed loves everyone, especially His children. He desires you to love what He loves. The Bible teaches: If one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is glorified, all the other parts rejoice with it. Therefore, God wants us to love and forgive one another so that the entire body could grow and be strengthened in His love. There is greater power in unity, just like many chopsticks that cannot be broken easily when put together. (Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 18:21-22, 1 Corinthians 12:26)*

(4) The oneness of our purpose – *Our common goal is to love God and declare together with one heart and mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, so as to call all men unto the Lord. The Bible teaches that God has purposed to put us together so as to help all our brothers and sisters to grow in His Word, becoming His holy temple. Let us put aside our own goals and pursue God's eternal goals. (Romans 15:5-6)*

Conclusion: The household of the Lord must grow and mature together. We are to encourage and forgive one another, so that others may see our oneness in building the Lord's Kingdom.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today's truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus' name.