



MESSAGE NOTES

Becoming One with God's Family

Romans 12:4-5

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For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

1. Stronger together

The Bible describes the church family as the body of Christ. Just like no body part can survive separated from the physical body, it's impossible for us to survive as Christians on our own. We all need the mutual strengthening and encouragement that comes from being a member of the church family.

2. Everyone necessary

Nobody is insignificant in the church family. We all have our own unique role and purpose to fulfill. The eye can't fulfill the role of the ear and the mouth can't fulfill the role of the nose. Only you can show God's love to your family and friends. Only you can bring the light of Jesus into your workplace. Everyone is important, everyone is needed.

3. Brothers and sisters

Hebrews 2:11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

If Jesus accepts all of us as brothers and sisters, we should also accept and treat each other as family as well. We don't have to agree on everything to be at peace with each other. Our unity is our greatest display of God's goodness and love. As our Father, God wants for us to get along with each other and to treat each other as brother and sister.