

Text: Romans 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 4:4, 16
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Membership

I. A Fundamental Statement (Romans 12:5)

All true Christ followers are members of one another.

- ✓ 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
- ✓ Ephesians 4:4, 16

II. A Fundamental Practice

Our differences make being members of one another both good,

and hard.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. According to Romans 12:5, what are all true Christ followers? How would you explain this to a new believer?

Why would this be good news to them? Knowing this, what would someone beginning the Christian life expect?

Why might some Christians find this "identity" hard or disappointing? Have you had a disappointing experience with this? Explain.

2. Read Romans 12:1-4, and verses 6-8. Explain how this context affects the meaning of verse 5.

What's hardest for you about trying to be the kind of person described in these verses? What encouragement do you see in these verses?

3. What point is the apostle Paul making in 1 Corinthians 12:12-20?

What objection that a person might make to this point is he addressing in these verses? Why might a person think this? Have you ever felt this?

Paul addresses another opposing thought a person might have to this point in verses 21-27? What is it?

Why might someone feel this way? Have you ever felt this way?

In what ways would thinking either of these things be detrimental to a person's Christian growth?

4. How is the concept of Christ followers being members of one another explained in Ephesians 4:4-6, 16? What is each member's responsibility?

Explain how the gospel of grace helps you live with the disappointments and difficulties of living out this concept.