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- For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. [Eph 2:8-9]



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- Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.  
**5** But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness [Rom 4:4-5]





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- But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. [Rom 11:6]



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- But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, **21** for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. [2 Pet 1:21]



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- All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. [2 Tim 3:16-17]



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- For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. [Heb 4:12]



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- They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.  
[Acts 2:42]



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For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

**13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit...



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  - 1 Cor 12:12-13, 24b-27

But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked, **25** so that there may be **no division** in the body, but *that* the members may have the **same care for one another**. **26** And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. **27** Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.



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...we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, **16** from whom the whole body being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.



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- What does this look like?

- Love (John 13:34-35; 1 Pet 1:22)
- Be Devoted To and Honor (Rom 12:10)
- Live In Harmony With (Rom 12:16)
- Forgive (Rom 13:8; Col 3:13)
- Consider (Rom 14:13)
- Accept and Instruct (Rom 15:7,14)
- Greet (Rom 16:16; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Pet 5:14)
- Be United In Mind With (1 Cor 1:10)
- Restore and Live In Peace With (2 Cor 13:11)
- Serve (Galatians 5:13)
- Be Humble, Gentle, Patient, Bearing With (Ephesians 4:2; 1 Peter 5:5)
- Be Kind and Compassionate, Forgiving (Ephesians 4:32)
- Submit To (Ephesians 5:21)
- Be Thankful For, Teach, and Admonish (Colossians 3:16)
- Build Up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Be Sympathetic With (1 Peter 3:8)



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- What does this look like?

Encourage one another **DAY AFTER DAY** so that none of you may become hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.  
(Hebrews 3:13)



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Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. [Matt 5:23-24]



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- What happens when we live this out?
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- As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. [Prov 27:17]
- Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near. [Heb 10:24-25]



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## Watermark Survey Results

- 82% Study the Bible five to seven days a week
- 177% Consistently apply Scripture to daily circumstances
- 193% Describe themselves as consistently content and joyful
- 159% Consistently and effectively communicate with their spouses
- 117% Be active in training their children to know and follow Christ
- 157% Find contentment in their season of singleness
- 172% Share their story of grace and the gospel with nonbelievers with whom they have relationship



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- What happens when we live this out?
  - Makes us more like Christ
  - Marks us as Christ-followers to the on-looking world
- Everyone will know you are my disciples by your love for one another [John 13:34-35]
- Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. [Matt 5:16]
- They may be completely one, so the world will know you sent Me and You love them even as You did love Me. [John 17:20-23]



Fellowship of Believers

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Believe in Christ  
(be indwelt by the  
Holy Spirit)

Grow in  
understanding of  
who God is and  
how to live

Live it out through  
the Body



# Fellowship of Believers - APPLICATION

- Excel Still More
- Find a Place to Practice the “One Anothers”

