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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS
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Assembling of Ourselves Together

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

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I wish to begin this article by giving you a verse of scripture found in Romans 14:7, “For none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself.”

I feel that many people do not realize the truth contained within the verse. Each member of a church has some kind of effect upon the rest of the members, either good or bad. If we are faithful to God and to the church, our influence will be good and, if otherwise, then our influence will be just the opposite. It is important, therefore, that we strive to be faithful, not only for the joy we receive, but for the effect we have on others. We certainly should love God and the church enough to desire to be the right kind of influence upon the lives of those with whom we come in contact, both in and out of the church.

Members of the church are described in the Bible as members of a human body. The Apostle Paul tells us about this in I Corinthians 12:27, “Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular.” He is speaking here of members of the local church.

We know that no member of our body is too small to effect the whole body, and when such a member becomes infected, it can slow down the growth or progress of the whole body. For example, if the little finger becomes infected, then the whole body may need the care of a physician. The same is true in a spiritual sense. The Spirit of God joins us together and we become a member in the body of Christ in His church on earth.

In I Corinthians 12:26, we find these words, “And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.” According to this scripture, if we are truly joined together in love, then we will be affected by other members of the body, whether it be in joy or in sorrow. I feel sure that if we could all realize our relationship to each other in the body of Christ (the Church or visible body), we would be more careful to fill our places faithfully.

If only half the members of a church attend its meetings, the body is being half-fed and the other half is not receiving spiritual nourishment. Therefore, the whole church is weakened. It is said, "That a chain is no stronger than its weakest link;" how true this is. Realizing this, we should all want to be strong for the sake of the whole church assembly. We cannot be strong without proper nourishment. The church is our Father's house where we are to sit down together and feast at His table. The gospel of Jesus Christ is given to feed the soul, to strengthen the inner man and provide all that is necessary to make us mature Christians, as God is pleased to reveal the totality of Christ's all sufficiency. May God grant us grace to SEE the importance of our positions and function as these "members in particular" in the local assembly, as we are called to minister one to another as God has blessed each with gifts of His Spirit, whether it be with helps, prayer, and any of the evidences of the fruit of the Spirit.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching"
(Hebrews 10:24-25).

This writer's note: *It is impossible to demonstrate love and provoke one another unto love and to good works as is pleasing to our God **if you are not present in the assembly of the church!** How important is the local assembly of God's people to which you have joined yourself? If it is not important enough to attend when the assembly has agreed to meet, then, my dear Christian friend, I would consider what your priorities are in this time world and make your calling and election sure. I am aware that there are numerous Brethren and Sisters who have become isolated from a local assembly of God's people where the Biblical gospel is being proclaimed due to assembly closure and disbanding, and those who have become unable to travel due to age and/or health. May those of the Church of Jesus Christ be prayerful in regard to these whom I have mentioned. For that day may come when we may find ourselves unable to attend the assembly of the saints, to join in the singing of the hymns of faith and be under the audible sound of the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sovereign love toward helpless and undeserving sinners, wherein I find myself.*

Respectfully submitted

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