

# Glad Tidings

Romans 10:15

April 11, 2021

## The Christian and the Church

### The Lesson Text I Cor. 12:12-27

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

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

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body.

16 And if the ear shall say, I am not the eye, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members each one of them in the body, even as it please Him.

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now they are many members, but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary:

23 And those parts of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness;

24 Whereas our comely parts have no need: but God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to that part which lacked;

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the mem-



bers should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it; or one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof.

**Golden Text.**— *“Unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever.”* (Eph.3:21.)

**Devotional Reading.**— Col. 1:18-23

### Daily Bible Readings

M .....Jesus Promises to Build the Church (Matt. 16:13-20)

T .....The Church Begins and People Are Added (Acts 2:37-47)

W .....The Church Working and Growing (Acts 6:1-7)

Th .....The Church a Body of Many Members (Rom. 12:1-8)

F. ....The Church Built Upon Jesus Christ (I Cor. 3:10-17)

Sa .....Christ the Head of the Church (Col. 1:9-23)

Su .....The Church Is the House of God (I Tim. 3:14-16)

### Summary Thoughts on the Importance of the Church in the Christian’s Life

The church should be the greatest thing in the Christian’s life. Everything else in his or her life should find its place and have its time as it compares with or contributes to the health and well-being of the church. No social connections should be formed which involves duties or associations that will interfere with or lessen our love for the Lord and His church. A Christian may take part in the civic activities of his community, but no civic duties should be accepted which will interfere with one’s duties to the Lord’s church. Fraternal orders which seek to be a substitute for the church by affording periods of worship and doing works of charity should have no place in the life of the Christian. For to the extent that a Christian contributes time, energy, and money to such substitutes for the church in the lives of men, he is robbing the church of our Lord of all that he puts into that substitute.

Young people should select their companions and engage in their recreational activities with the church in mind, being careful not to do anything which will reflect upon the good name of the Lord and His body, the church, or that will



cause their interest in the church to weaken and die. Activities and other responsibilities on the Lord's day should be planned with the church in mind. Instead of planning worldly amusements and physical recreation for Sunday afternoon, why not plan to spend the day visiting the sick, cheering the aged, reclaiming the wanderer, and saving the lost? If someone thinks this will take all the pleasure out of life, it would be proper to remind that such might be true of one who loves the world and the things of the world over the things of God. (I John 2:15—17).

If we cultivate an enjoyment of things spiritual, we will get as much, if not more, true pleasure from doing such things as the worldly person gets from physical recreation. Remember verse 17 from the above passage, *“And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”*

### Reminders from the Golden Text

What happens if one is faithful in their personal and public devotion to the Lord's church? If you are not faithfully attending the assemblies of the saints on the Lord's day what else of the Lord's commands are you not obeying by your absence?

1. God is glorified in the church. Eph 3:20,21 (We cannot truly glorify Him if we are not there!)
2. Verse 21—*“to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”*  
God is to be glorified in Christ, in the church! “Are you there helping to glorify God “unto all generations forever and ever?”
3. Unity of Many Members is accomplished (I Cor. 12: 12-20)  
God is the maker of all bodies, both natural and spiritual, and He has set the members in these bodies as it has pleased Him. “Don't you want to please Him by contributing your part for the “Unity” of the Body of Christ?”
4. Mutual Dependence upon one-another (I Cor. 12:20-27)  
Your brethren depend upon your presence and contribution to the health of the Body of Christ.

*“Now ye are the body of Christ.”*

*Adapted by Steve Frazier*



## GLAD TIDINGS

### Hymn for the day— “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

*Vs. 1 “I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode;  
The church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.  
I love Thy church, O God!  
Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear, as the apple of Thine eye,  
And graven on Thy hand.*

*Vs. 2 For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cries and toils be given,  
Till toils and cares shall end.  
Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.”*

Timothy Dwight

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### Order of Worship April 11, 2021

Song Leader—AM	Gary Barber
Song Leader—PM	Michael Young
Lord's Table	Phillip Steen
Sermon—AM	Devin Barber
Sermon—PM	Devin Barber

Continue prayers for those on our list and for the free course of the gospel.

*1 John 5:14*

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Meeting times of the church

Sunday

09:00 am Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship 05:00 pm Evening Worship

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**Hebrews 10:24-25**