

## God's Will is One Accord in the Body of Christ

Philippians 2:1-5: If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Satan is after the body of Christ, maybe more than ever before. He's got to divide us and isolate us from one another to prevent us from being in one accord with one another. Avoid and resist the temptation of isolation. It seems that when someone offends, disappoints, or lets you down, or when you see them in sin, the human reaction is to avoid them. That's exactly what Satan wants to accomplish, but he has no power over the body of Christ, because Jesus defeated him. **Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 1Corinthians 2:6**

**And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:15**

If Satan can get the believer, or the church, in strife or discord, he will hinder us in our mission of getting the gospel out to the entire world. We need each other in the body of Christ. Everyone has a part to play. There's not one person more important than another person, as we read in the following scriptures:

1 Corinthians 12:12 - 26: **For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say,**

Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

## Be Faithful to Pray for Unity & One Accord

As you and I pray the Holy Spirit-inspired prayers we have in Ephesians on a daily basis, it will give God something to work with on behalf of the body of Christ. It's never spiritually, physically, or emotionally healthy to disassociate yourself from other believers (*unless they're leading you into sin and away from God*) because it damages and hinders the work of God. Some believers may not want to fellowship with you, but that's no reason for you to draw back from them. We grieve the Spirit of God when we don't strive for unity and one accord and when we don't love the brethren. Every person who's born again is not only a member of the body of Christ, they're our brother and sister in the Lord, and must be treated as such.

Remember that God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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