Sundays in June, 10:30am Olathe South High School



Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

UNPACKING
1 CORINTHIANS 12

1 Corinthians 12:24b-27

"So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it."

SPIRIT WORKING

Acts 19:2

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them. "No," they replied, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Galatians 3:2

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this.

You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.

The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy.

He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit.

Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.





"God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us." (v.6)



"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (v.7 NIV)

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"Everyday acts of service are now set on a par with the recognized, supernatural phenomena of the Spirit."

Simple acts of encouraging other believers are visible expressions of the work of the Spirit.



"...it is the same God who does the work in all of us." (v.7)

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us..." (v.8)



"Some parts...that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary." (v.22)

"All the members care for each other." (v.25)



"...so that we can help each other!" (v.7)

"Since you are so eager to have the special abilities the Spirit gives, seek those that will strengthen the whole church." (14:12)



Hebrews 10:24 "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 "So encourage each other and build each other up..."



Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Romans 14:19 "So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up."



Romans 15:2 "We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord."

Jude 1:20 "But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit..."



WHAT will you do to build someone up?

WHO will you build up?

In consideration of the confidence placed in me by the church in being selected as a church board member, by the help of the Holy Spirit, I covenant:



To "look for the Lord wholeheartedly." (Jeremiah 29:13)



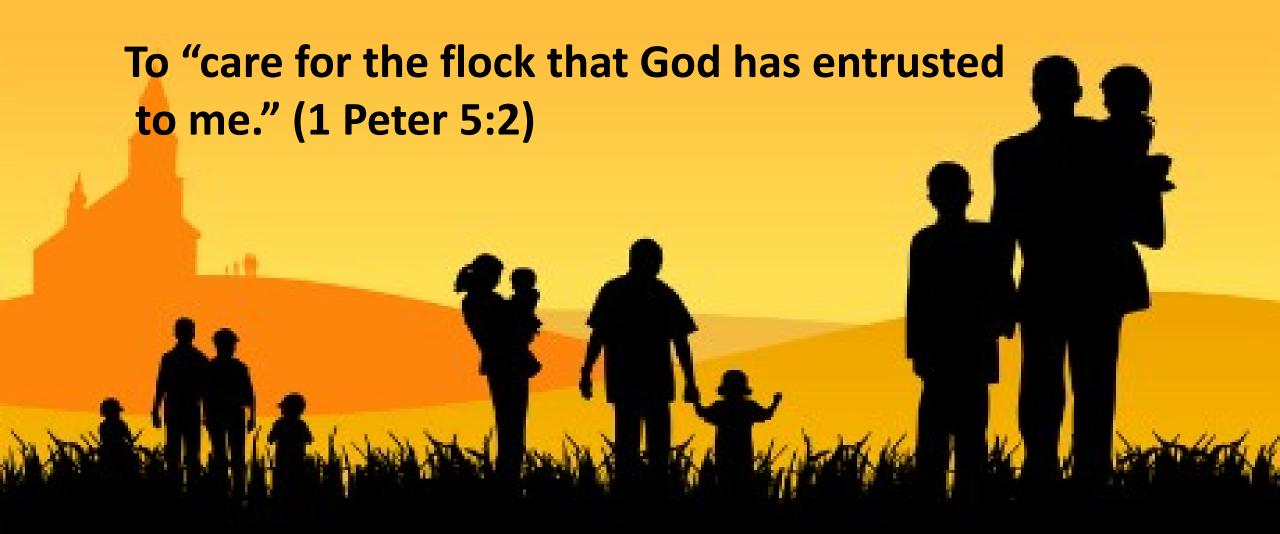
To "pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion." To "stay alert and be persistent in my prayers for all believers everywhere." (Ephesians 6:18)



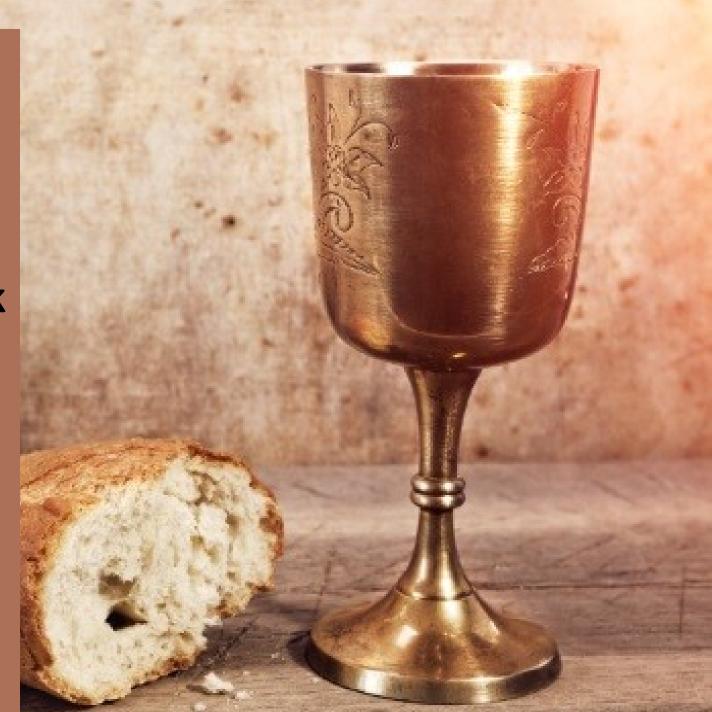
To set an example for the believers "in what I say, in the way I live, in my love, my faith, and my purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)



To "not neglect our meeting together...but to encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:24)



That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.



1 Corinthians 11:28-29

Benediction

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.

For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.

And always be thankful.