

COMMON TABLE Pt 3

“The Foundation of Unity”

1 Corinthians 12:24-27 NIV

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOSPEL

- WALK TOWARDS JESUS & His Lordship
- WALK TOWARDS COMMUNITY & Our Unity

And so we live as— — —> (See Acts 2:42)

- ➔ STUDENTS of the Way
- ➔ COMMITTED to One Another
- ➔ AVAILING Ourselves to One Another
- ➔ PRACTICING what we Learn Together.

1 Corinthians 11:17-19 NIV

17 In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. 18 In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. 19 No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God’s approval.

1 Corinthians 11:27-32 NIV

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. 31 But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. 32 Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 NIV

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.
2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord." except by the Holy Spirit.

THE FOUNDATION

The Confession is our Foundation.

- ➔ A commitment to walk with Jesus.
- ➔ We are pressing on towards allegiance and devotion to His rule and His life.

1 Corinthians 12:24-26 NIV

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

The reason is unity... but the foundation is mutual concern.
The point is a kind of concern that results in unity.

1 Corinthians 11:31 NIV

But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

- CONTENDING FOR
- REFLECTIVE INPUT