



Reconciliation

“The power that makes the Body of Christ work”

The church is designed by the Lord to be a very unusual experience. The Apostle Paul describes it as a physical body with all different parts working in perfect harmony with one another. He even talks about what happens when the inevitable conflicts and problems arise. He says that the body will take care of itself by healing the wounded member.

The body that he is talking about is the body of Christ. The reason that the church can be such a unique experience is because the Spirit of Jesus is working in the hearts of its members. This means whenever the church meets together something miraculous “is always” happening. Jesus is working within His body to unite all of the different parts in order to accomplish His will. If there is a part of the body that is hurting in any way, it becomes God’s will for that member to be cared for or the body operates with a broken member.

The church can happen anywhere believers allow themselves to experience Christ together. That means that whenever two or three are gathered with a humble heart and a need to experience the power of the cross (reconciliation between people and the Lord) the Lord is present. This is actually what it means to take communion. Communion is being spiritually nourished by Christ which is to forgive and be forgiven.

The reason that church can be so difficult at times is because we don’t naturally take communion when we don’t get our way and experience disappointment. We want others to feel, believe, and behave the way that we know is best. When we don’t get our way we get upset and decide to protect ourselves by either fighting or demanding, fleeing or leaving, freezing or complying. We don’t naturally seek to eat the body of Christ or drink the blood of Christ. For after all, when someone hurts me, it’s not me that needs to humble myself, it is the person who hurt me. Communion leads everyone to the same place with the same need to experience the same thing; the unconditional love of the Lord.

The members of Christ body are made into ministers of reconciliation who offer forgiveness as they are forgiven.

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