

BIBLE FOUNDATIONS LESSON NO. 9

THE BODY OF CHRIST AND COMMUNION

Hebrews 10:25 tells us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. We can see, therefore, that fellowship with other believers should be an active part of our lives. The 'body ministry' is part of God's scriptural plan for meeting the individual needs of all believers, whatever their ages. The Scriptures teach the importance of each member of the body of Christ functioning in his or her rightful place in the body. We have a very special place to fill in the body because we are "...members one of another" (Romans 12:5). In order for us to function well together, God gives us gifts by the Holy Spirit, "...dividing to every man severally as he will" (1 Cor.12:11). There is a place for you in the body of Christ, and as you step into the place God has for you, be assured that He will give you the anointing and strength to fulfill the responsibilities of whatever job or ministry is involved. The best gift for each individual is that to which God has called him, remembering that whatsoever we do should be done heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men (Col. 3:23). As you prayerfully study this lesson, ask God to put the scriptural truths concerning this most important concept into your spirit. This will help you to function successfully in the special place that God has for you in the body of Christ.

An important part of Christian fellowship is our partaking of the Lord's supper (Communion) in remembrance of Jesus, even as He instructed (Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; and 1 Cor. 11:23-25). Paul said in 1 Corinthians 11:26, "*For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, we do shew the Lord's death till he come.*" In particular, the bread is the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup is the communion of the blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). The church conducts Communion service several times each year. Communion is for believers, and all believers are encouraged to participate, but each one should do so only after careful self-examination and self-judgment of personal sin (1 Cor. 11:28-34). It is important that all unforgiveness and other sins be confessed and taken care of before the Lord so that we not "...eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily..." (1 Cor. 11:27).

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 14:26

LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

1. Who is the body of Christ? (**Eph. 1:22-23**)
2. Who is the head of the body? (**Eph. 5:23**)
3. How or in what condition is the church to be presented unto Christ? (**Eph. 5:26-27**)
4. Who was ordained and commended to the Lord in **Acts 14:23** and **Titus 1:5**?
5. What three important responsibilities are the elders of the church exhorted to perform in **1 Peter 5:2-3**?
(a) (b) (c)
6. (a) What is the solemn responsibility of the elders stated in **Hebrews 13:17**? (b) What is the congregation's duty?
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7. What additional ministerial responsibilities are brought out in the following Scriptures concerning the church elders:
(a) **James 5:14**, (b) **1 Timothy 3:2**, and (c) **Titus 1:9**
(a) (b) (c)
8. What is the reason given in **Proverbs 11:14** for the importance of the ministry of elders?
9. **1 Tim 3:1-12** and **Titus 1:6-9** both list qualifications of elders, bishops, or deacons. Compare both sections and list at least 5 qualifications that are listed in both scripture references.
(a) (b) (c)
(d) (e)
10. What kind of men were appointed as the first deacons? (**Acts 6:3**)

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11. What kind of person was Stephen, one of the first deacons and the first Christian martyr? (**Acts 6:5, 8**)

FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY

12. **Romans 12:4** tells us that we have many members _____, and all members _____.

13. In the pattern for worship given in **1 Corinthians 14:26**, (a) who should participate? and (b) what should they do?
(a) _____ (b) _____

14. What purpose should these acts accomplish in the lives of believers? (**1 Cor. 14:26, 31**)

15. Why is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, operating via the body ministry, given to everyone in the body of Christ?
(**1 Cor. 12:7**)

16. Paul's exhortation in **Romans 12:10** gives an essential ingredient or attitude for a successful relationship between members of the body of Christ. What is it?

GIFT MINISTRIES

17. Spiritual gifts among members of the body of Christ differ according to what? (**Rom.12:6**)

18. From **Romans 1:11** we can conclude that a body of believers needs the operation of spiritual gifts in order to become what?

19. **Romans 12:6-8** mentions many of the gifts that should be operating in the body of Christ. List them.

(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____

20. Name the five ministries given by Christ to benefit the church, as listed in **Ephesians 4:11**.

(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____
(d) _____ (e) _____

21. What are the purposes of these five ministries? (**Eph. 4:12**)

(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____

22. What are the nine gifts of the Spirit mentioned in **1 Corinthians 12:8-10**.

(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____ (e) _____
(f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____ (i) _____

23. If a person has a message in tongues to give during an assembly of believers and there is no interpreter present, what should he do? (**1 Cor. 14:28**)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

24. What is the cup of blessing? (**1 Cor. 10:16**)

25. What is the bread? (**1 Cor. 10:16**)

26. According to **1 Corinthians 10:17**, why are we, being many, one body?

27. Can we partake of the table of devils and the Lord's table? (**1 Cor. 10:21**)

28. What do we shew (proclaim) as often as we eat this bread, and drink this cup? (**1 Cor. 11:26**)

29. Is there a danger in taking Communion if we're not worthy in God's sight? (**1 Cor. 11:27-30**)

30. When Jesus gave the disciples Communion on the night in which He was betrayed, He said in **Matthew 26:28**,

"For this is my blood of the _____, which is shed for many for the _____."

THE CHURCH & COMMUNION

I. THE NEED FOR FELLOWSHIP

*Ps. 73, Ex. 20:8-11 - 4th Commandment
Luke 4:16 & 10:38-42
Matt. 6:33, Matt. 11:28-30 & 12:50
II Cor. 6:14-18, Heb. 10:22-25
I Cor. 14:26, Eph. 5:26-27
II Tim. 3:16-17, Ps. 119:15, Phil. 3:14
Rev. 2 & 3, Eph. 5:26-27

II. COMMUNION [COME + UNION]

I Cor. 10:16, 17, 21 & 11:24-31
John 6:51-59 **BLOOD** 

III. ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

A. O.T. EXAMPLE - Ex. 18:13-22
B. LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS
I Tim. 3:1-12, Titus 1:6-9, 11

C. LEADERSHIP DUTIES

Prov. 11:14, I Pet. 5:2-3
Heb. 13:17, Ezek. 34:2-4, 16
I Tim. 5:17-18

I Tim. 3:2
Titus 1:9
James 5:14

D. LEADERSHIP BURDENS

Acts 20:19-35
II Cor. 6:3-7, 11:2, 4

IV. THE BODY MINISTRY! GIFTS & TALENTS

Heb. 10:25

I Cor. 14:26

* I Cor. 12:1-20 - [* Eph. 4:1-16] - *12:12-31

Matt. 25:14-30

Rom. 12:3-11

YOUR TEAM!

HOW ABOUT YOU?

WHAT'S YOUR MINISTRY?

WHY GO TO CHURCH AND STUDY THE WORD SKIT

By Chuck Mummert

[I read — Satan’s lies whispered in our ears to keep us alone in the wilderness, out of fellowship and feeding and protection. An ember out of the fire.]

I read Satan’s lies [and crackle paper] and students read IT IS WRITTEN before their Scripture.

Satan: There is no principle about keeping Sunday for God, is there?

IT IS WRITTEN in Exodus 20:8-11: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Satan: Christ didn’t go to “church” regularly, did he?

IT IS WRITTEN in Luke 4:16: And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Satan: I have too much work to do!

IT IS WRITTEN in Luke 10:38-42: Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Satan: I come first in life – my desires and my things!

IT IS WRITTEN in Matt 6:33: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Satan: I’m too tired!

IT IS WRITTEN in Matthew 11:28-30: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Satan: I need family time! It’s good, too, isn’t it?

IT IS WRITTEN in Matthew 12:50: For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. And **IT IS WRITTEN in Luke 8:21:** And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

Satan: I want to watch “the game” or TV, or get together with my non-church friends.

IT IS WRITTEN in Psalm 119:37: Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. And **IT IS WRITTEN in II Corinthians 6: 14, 16-18:** Be ye not unequally yoked together with

unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?... And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Satan: I bet you can't give me one verse about coming to church and becoming an active participant in worship.

IT IS WRITTEN in Hebrews 10:22-25: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Satan: Alright already! If I come – I'm just going to plop down and hope to get blessed! No one expects me to do anything...do they?

IT IS WRITTEN in I Corinthians 14:26: How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Satan: There is no perfect church – they all have imperfect people in them.

IT IS WRITTEN in Ephesians 5:25b-27: Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Satan: What! You now expect me to study the Word of God? I already went to school – I know everything. I hate reading and studying.

IT IS WRITTEN in II Timothy 3:16-17: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. **IT IS WRITTEN in II Timothy 2:15:** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Satan: What! You now expect me to meditate on and memorize the Word of God?

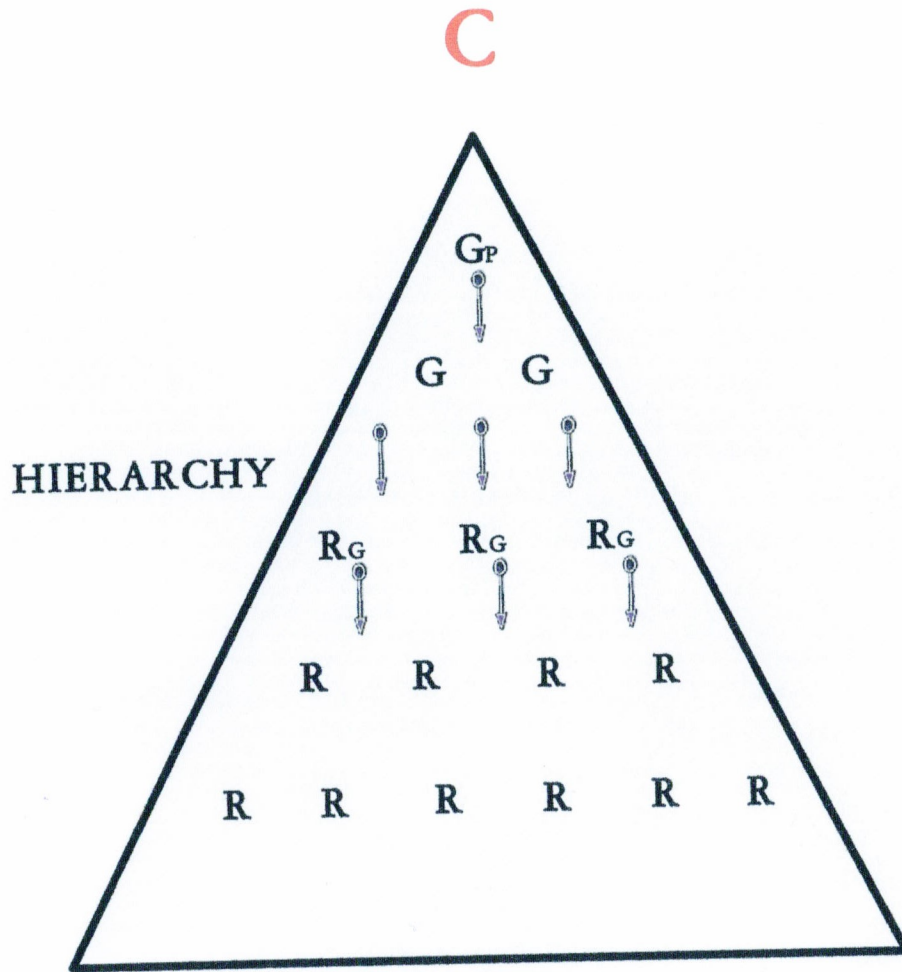
IT IS WRITTEN in Psalm 119:15: I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. And **IT IS WRITTEN in Psalm 119:11:** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Satan: I'm my own boss, I can do what I want!

IT IS WRITTEN in Joshua 24:15: And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. And **IT IS WRITTEN in Philippians 3:14:** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Satan: I can't stand the Word of God. How can I destroy these people if they learn the Bible? Don't you dare come to church or join the Foundations Class to seriously study and learn the Word of God!

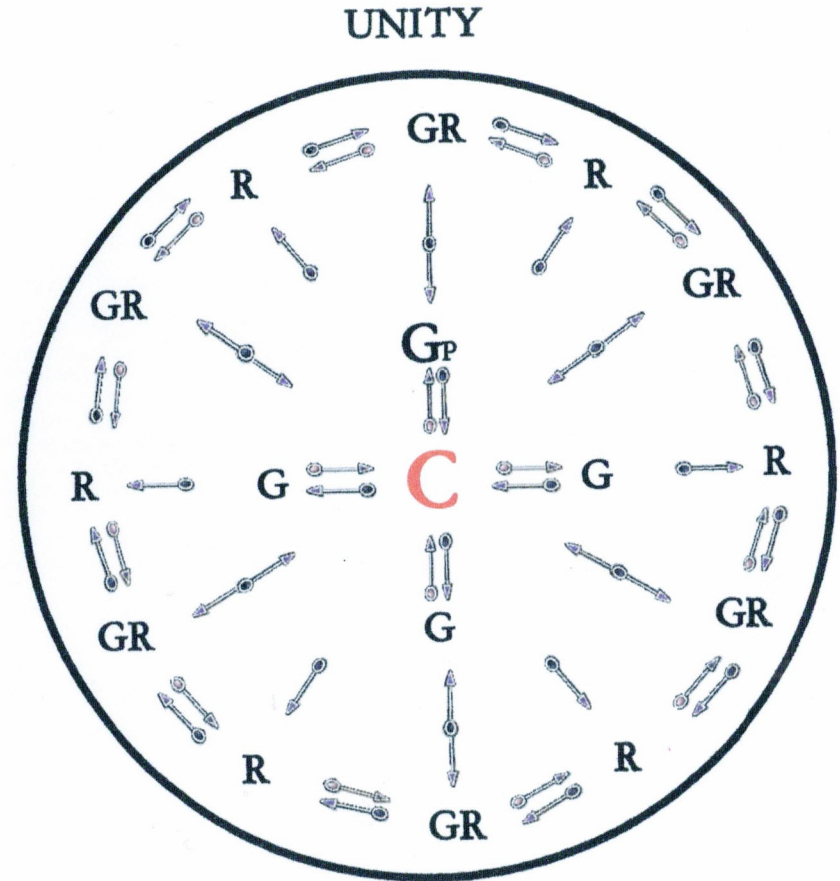
MODERN (US) CHURCH



Mostly come for Blessing,
 Programs for self + kids, friends,
 Whatever they can receive.

KEY
 C = Christ
 Gp = Priest or Pastor
 G = Givers
 R = Receivers

REAL BODY MINISTRY CHURCH



Come to worship Christ and
 to minister to one another
 Receive + Give (Tithe, Time, Talents).