

# BELONGING TO ONE ANOTHER



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*so in Christ we who are many  
form one body, and each  
member **belongs to all the others.***

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**How?**

- In Christ
- In One Body
- With All The Others



*“...You **BELONG** in God’s household with every other Christian.”*

Eph 2:19b, LB



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# What It Means?

- Following Christ is more than just Believing, it is Belonging.



*“...and you also are among those who are **called to belong** to Jesus Christ.”*

Rom 1:6

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# What It Means?

- “That we were Created for Community, Fashioned for Fellowship, and Formed for Family”



*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were **together**, and had all things in common,*

Acts 2:42-46



*and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them **among all**, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with **one accord** in the temple, and breaking bread **from house to house**, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,*

Acts 2:42-46



*“put together”*

*“joined together”*

*“built together”*

*“members together”*

*“heirs together”*

*“fitted together”*

*“held together”*

*“caught up together”*



*Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so **that you may belong to another**, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*

Rom 7:4, ESV



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# What It Means?

- That we Belong not only to the Universal Body of Christ, but to a Local Fellowship called the Church



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# What It Means?

Corinth

Philippi

Rome

**Trenton**

Ephesus

Colosse

Jerusalem

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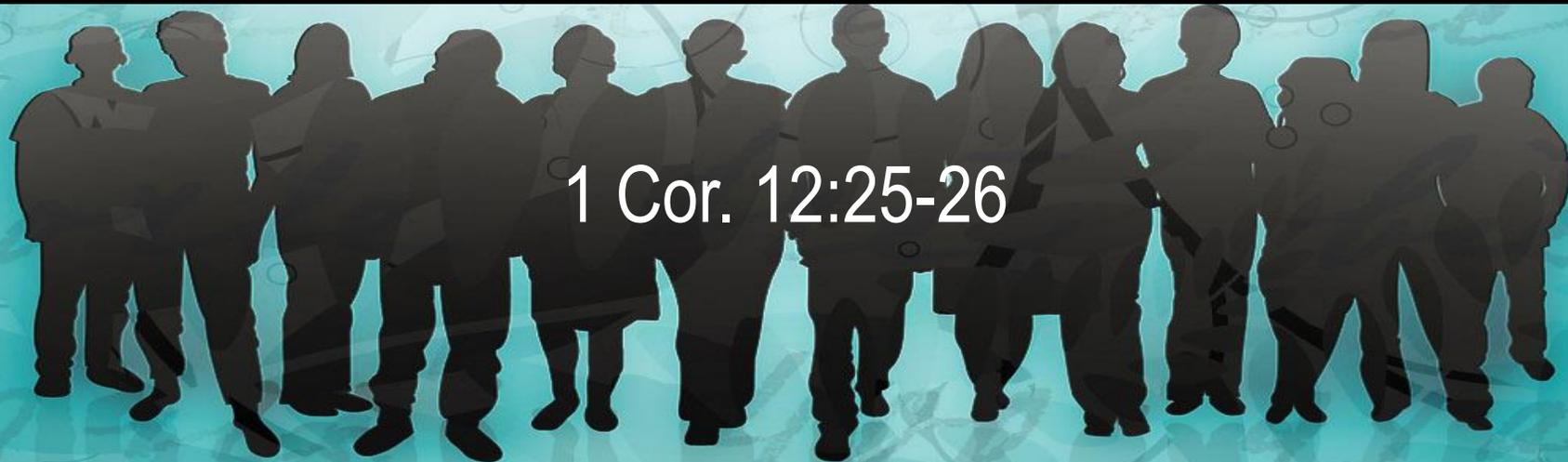
# Why?

- When we Belong we move from a Self-Centered Isolation, to an Others Focused Relationship



*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.*

1 Cor. 12:25-26



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**Why?**

- When we Belong we Experience a Fellowship that Encourages us to Grow and Mature



*from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*



Eph. 4:16

*He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, **so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.***

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*Therefore **comfort each other**  
and **edify one another**, just as  
you also are doing.*

1 Thess 5:11

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*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing **one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Col 3:16

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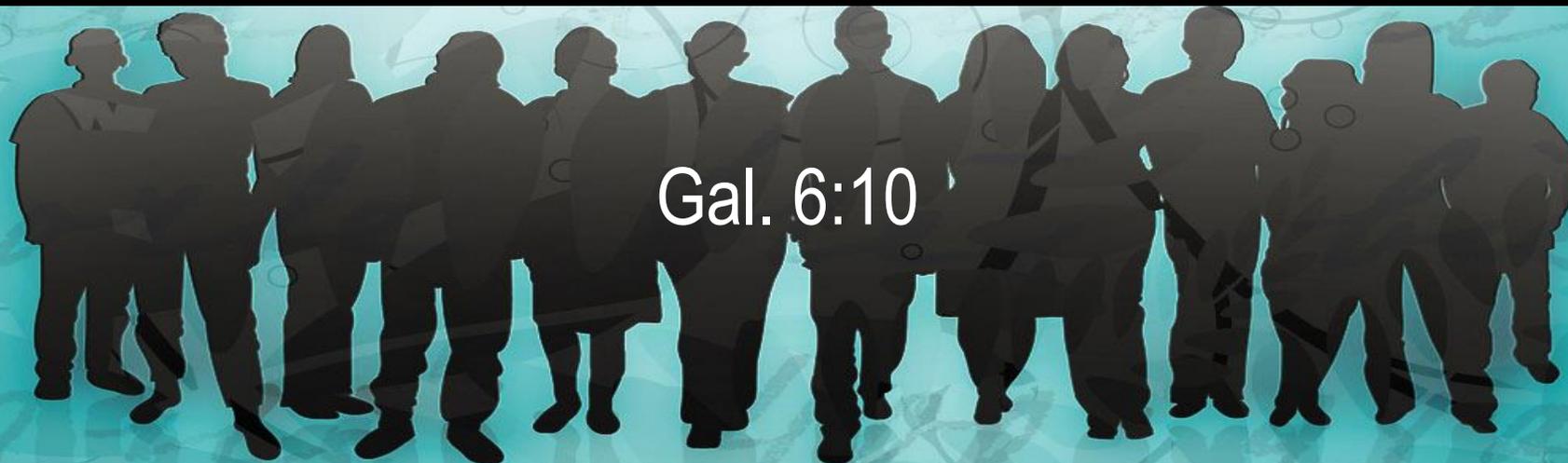
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**Why?**

- When we Belong we Find a Family to Serve and a Ministry to Share



*Therefore, as we have  
opportunity, let us do good  
to all people, especially to  
those who **belong to the  
family of believers.***



Gal. 6:10

*Just as **each of us** has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **We have different gifts, according to the grace given us***

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Rom 12:4-6

***Each one** should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.  
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1 Pet. 4:10

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