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▶ **The body of Christ equation:** many=one. “But now are they many members, yet but one body” (*1 Cor. 12:20*). What a privilege to be a member of His Body, united to the other members and to our Head in a wonderful way in order to manifest the life of Christ!

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▶ **Addition for Christian growth:** “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity [love]” (*2 Pet. 1:5-7*).

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