

FAITH SUPPLEMENTS



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the Body of Christ

2 Peter 1:3-8

Ephesians 4:1-16

Discerning the Body

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 NKJV

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Discerning the Blood

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 NKJV

²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

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- 7 milestones of spiritual growth
- The word serves as the perfect foundation for faith to anchor and flourish
- By the foundation of the word, we have faith in the power of God's grace,

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1 Corinthians 13:12 NKJV

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Our walk - Peering through a mirror, darkly

Imperfect & incomplete knowledge of divine things

Poor representation as image bearers

Darkly or blinded by the radiance of His glory?

Squinting through until the glory returns

Increasing knowledge through fellowship with GOD

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Hebrews 11:1,3,6 KJV

1 Now faith is the substance of **things hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.

3 Through faith **we understand** that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God **must believe that he is**, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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2 Peter 1:3-5 NLT

Foundation – Growing in Faith

3 By his divine power, **God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.** We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

4 And **because** of his glory and excellence, **he has given us great and precious promises.** These are the promises that **enable you to share his divine nature** and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

5 In view of all this, **make every effort to respond to God's promises.** Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and **moral excellence with knowledge,**

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2 Peter 1:6-8 NLT

Foundation – Growing in Faith

6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,

7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

8 The more you grow like this, **the more productive and useful** you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Ephesians 4:1-16 NLT

Unity In The Body

- 1** Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.
- 2** Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.
- 3** Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.
- 4** For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

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Ephesians 4:1-16 NLT

Unity In The Body

5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

8 That is why the Scriptures say, “When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.”

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9 Notice that it says “he ascended.” This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world.

10 And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself.

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

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13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

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Ephesians 4:1-16 NLT

Unity In The Body

- 15** Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.
- 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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The Building Blocks – Milestones of Maturity

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Luke 10:38-42 NLT

Just Remain At His Feet

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.

39 She had a sister called **Mary**, who **sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.**

40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things,

42 **but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."**

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