

Membership in the Household of God

1 Timothy 3:14-16

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Mingle Question—Are you a Costco member? If so, what do you get there? If not, why not?

I'm not a member of Costco but I'm always trying to get the benefit of being a member. I go with my in-laws in KC or my folks or brother in Wichita. I load up on all the good stuff, pay my bill, and go home and enjoy the benefits of Costco. But I've never become a Costco Member. I'm certainly not a Goldstar Member. In fact, I try to load up on all those samples to replace a meal while I'm shopping. People are going nuts over those samples! I see the cars folks are driving and the clothes they're wearing. Those are some wealthy folks salivating all over those little Costco samples. We're all there for one thing, TO CONSUME!!! Membership in our culture tends to equal consumerism.

So we have a big challenge ahead of us as we approach the topic of Church Membership together, where Membership should equal Servanthood!

Challenges with the concept of church membership in our culture:

- The air we breathe is consumerism.
- Insider/Outsider phenomenon—Tribalism
 - Country Club Membership makes me feel like an outsider
- Confusion on what church membership means
- Strong differences in what church membership is at different churches

We want to talk about Tallgrass Church membership, what it is and what it isn't.

Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16

PRAY!

The Household of God

- The church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.
- The church is the only place you will hear the Gospel message that Jesus Christ lived the life you should've lived and died the death you should've died and rose again to offer you abundant life.
- Where else would you hear this message? Nowhere!

Early Creedal Statement

- Incredibly Christ-centered! Jesus is the big deal of our faith.

Aiming for Love in the Household of God

- **1 Timothy 1:5** The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
- The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

- Don't swerve from the Gospel.
- Cut a straight path to Jesus / the Gospel.
- Who knows the Tallgrass Mission Statement? Because God first loved us, we exist to love God and love our neighbors.
- **2 Timothy 1:7** ...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

NT Pictures of the Church—Analogies for Believers in Jesus Christ

- NT is short for New Testament
- The Household of God is just one of many analogies used to refer to believers in Jesus Christ.
- God's Family—John 1:13; Matthew 23:8-10; Mark 3:32-35; 10:28-30; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 3:15; 5:1-2; 1 Peter 4:17; 210 verses from Acts to Revelation referring to Christians as "brothers" and "sisters"
- The Body of Christ—John 2:19-22; Acts 9:5; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- God's Army—Matthew 16:18; Acts 15:36-38; Romans 13:12; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16; 6:7; 10:3-4; Ephesians 6:10-18; Philippians 1:27-30; 2:25; Colossians 2:5 (see also 2:15); 1 Thessalonians 5:8; 1 Timothy 6:12-14; 2 Timothy 2:3-4
- God's Building—1 Peter 2:5; 1 Corinthians 3:9b-17; Ephesians 2:20-22
- God's Field—1 Corinthians 3:6-9
- Jesus' Bride—Revelation 19:7-8; 2 Corinthians 11:2-4; Ephesians 5:25; James 4:4-5
- God's Flock—John 10:1-5
- Checkout *Members of One Another: How to build a biblical ethos into your church* by Dennis McCallum for great reflections on these pictures of the Church.
- If you believe in Jesus Christ then you are a *member* of the Church. There's no way around it. No one can kick you out of the Church, praise God. And YOU can't kick yourself out of the Church, praise God!
- You can be out of fellowship with other brothers and sisters. That's no good. You aren't gonna grow if you're not vitally connected to the Body of Christ.

The Word "Members" in the NT Typically Refers to Body Parts

- **1 Corinthians 12:12-18** ¹² For just as the body is one and has many *members*, and all the *members* of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one *member* but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the *members* in the body, each one of them, as he chose.
- **1 Corinthians 12:19-27** ¹⁹ If all were a single *member*, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the *members* may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one *member* suffers, all suffer together; if one *member* is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually *members* of it.
- See also Romans 12, which will be our passage for Discovery Groups in our LIFE Groups this week!
- **Matthew 5:29-30** ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your *members* than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your *members* than that your whole body go into hell.

We have to distinguish between being a “member” of the Body of Christ and being a “member” of the 501(c)(3) Tallgrass Community Church.

- **Mark 15:43** Joseph of Arimathea, a respected **member** of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

“Members” of the Church vs. “Members” of Tallgrass Church 501(c)(3)

The Church	Tallgrass Community Church 501(c)(3)
Member by the blood of Christ	Member by the Bylaws—We’ll get to that in a minute.
Eternal— Includes all believers in Christ for all time; See Hebrews 11:1-12:1	Temporal— Includes a local assembly for a limited time
Invisible—God has the Book of Life and I’ve not seen it	Visible—Membership roll
Can’t resign membership	Can resign membership
Can be out of fellowship—And that’s not good!	Can’t remain out of fellowship for long—There’s a clear path for taking people off of the membership roll.

Let’s chat Tallgrass Church Membership!

- This may seem boring to some, exciting to others, over the head of a few, out of nowhere for a couple, and that’s all ok. We’re in this together.
- There’s room for you at the table!
 - You can be a part of the Tallgrass Church family without being a Member of the Tallgrass Community Church organization.
 - We want MANY, MANY people to be a part of the Tallgrass family who aren’t “Members” of the organization. We’ll be updating the Tallgrass Directory soon and we want you in there, even if you’re not ready to be a member or can’t make the commitments required for membership.
 - Refer to the quilt that Ronna Tyson made for us.
- We didn’t want to have an official membership roll for lots of reasons but have decided that it’s the wise thing to do in our society, especially given how litigious our culture is, how sue-happy our society is this days.
- Why we didn’t want an official membership roll:
 - Creating unnecessary insider/outsider divides
 - Caring for the flock
 - Church discipline
- Why we decided we need an official membership roll:
 - Healthy protections for this 501(c)(3) called Tallgrass Community Church
 - BTW, we have received our 501(c)(3) status! You’ve got to clap for that because Dave and I worked feverishly and furiously on that application and didn’t hear back for over six months!
 - Healthy protections for those who are involved at Tallgrass Community Church
 - Long-term sustainability
 - Tax-exemption
- I’ll be highlighting section of the Tallgrass Community Church Constitution and Bylaws. You’re welcome to have and read a copy. We worked very hard on this at a Tallgrass Elder Retreat in February at the Stone Barn.
- **Hold up copies of Bylaws!**

Section 5.01 Church Autonomy and Voluntary Affiliation

The Church is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs, independent of any denominational control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches in the fulfillment of its purposes, the Church may choose to voluntarily affiliate with organizations as fits our purpose and mission.

Examples:

- Helping International Students, Life Choice, etc.
- Pastors Prayer churches
- Manhattan Ministerial Association

Section 6.03 Qualifications for Membership

- A. A Member shall have completed the Church's membership class; and
- Welcome to Tallgrass Church Dinner on Sunday, October 14, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - Dinner provided
 - Childcare provided
 - RSVP to yours truly by Thursday, October 11
- B. A Member shall have made a written commitment to abide by our Church's *Membership Covenant*.

So, what's the Tallgrass Church Membership Covenant? So glad you asked!

Section 6.10 Membership Covenant

"Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with Tallgrass Church's statements of belief, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Tallgrass Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following."

Tallgrass Church's Statements of Belief

1. Apostles Creed
2. Nicene Creed
3. 1974 Lausanne Covenant
 - a. We opted not to have the Baptist Faith and Message as our statement of faith because we didn't want to be limited by statements related to the Lord's Supper or Baptism.
 - b. Water baptism isn't necessary to be a member of Tallgrass Church.
4. Statement on Marriage and Sexuality (Section 4.01)
5. *1 Timothy 3:16*
6. *1 Corinthians 15:3b-7*

The Apostles Creed—All of the elements of the 1 Timothy 3:16 Creed are present in some way.

Let's recite this together, if you are a follower of Jesus Christ. No pressure at all.

1. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
 2. I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord.
 3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
 4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
 5. He descended into hell (to the dead). On the third day he rose again.
 6. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 7. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 8. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 9. the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
 10. the forgiveness of sins,
 11. the resurrection of the body,
 12. and life everlasting.
- Amen.

Covenant Commitments

1. I will protect the unity of my church by acting in love toward the other members, refusing to gossip, resolving conflicts, and by following the leaders. *Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:17*
2. I will share in the responsibility of my church by praying for its growth, by inviting the unchurched to attend, and by warmly welcoming those who visit by coming alongside them wherever they are at on their spiritual journey. *Ephesians 1:17-19*
3. I will serve the ministry of my church by discovering my gifts and talents, by being equipped to serve by my leaders, and by developing a servant's heart. *Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 2:3-4, 7*
4. I will support the testimony of my church by attending faithfully, by living a godly life, and by giving regularly. *Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Leviticus 27:30*

Our approach to Membership:

- We want to make Tallgrass Church Membership quick and easy, especially because we live in such a transient population.
- However, we want involvement at Tallgrass Church to be high commitment; LIFE Groups, many serving opportunities, etc.
- All of this means that you will get out of Tallgrass Church what you put into it.
- Reminder, "It is MORE BLESSED to give than to receive!" A wise person once said that. And it's proven to be true over and over again.

Section 6.07 Input Rights of Membership

The Elder Team will solicit input from Church Membership through a process they deem best. This input period will be open for a minimum of two weeks on the following matters:

1. Acquisition of real property and the related incurring of indebtedness.
2. Any business transaction on behalf of the Church beyond an approved budget and in excess of \$10,000.
3. The Annual Budget of the Church
4. Appointment of new Elders
5. Hiring of Staff
6. The Merger or Dissolution of the Church
7. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws

Applications:

1. Get involved in the Tallgrass family
2. Consider becoming a Member of the Tallgrass Church 501(c)(3)
3. Worship Jesus Christ
4. Love one another
5. Study the church more
 - a. Passages we covered.
 - b. *Members of One Another: How to build a biblical ethos into your church* by Dennis McCallum

Questions?

Anticipated questions:

1. What does removal look like?
2. Why even have membership?
3. How does leadership fit into this?

Letter to the Church in Ephesus

Revelation 2:1-7 ¹“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. ²“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’”

Revelation letter to the church in Ephesus

- Great at rooting out heresy. They had all their theological “t”s crossed and “i”s dotted. But...
- They forgot the love they had at first. They had forgotten to aim for love in the household of God.
- What a timely message to soooo many churches today.
- What about our church?
- Let’s aim for love together in the Household of God!
- 1 Timothy 3:1-13 on Leadership in the Household of God NEXT WEEK.

Pray!!!

Intro *Mystery of Faith* by Greg LaFollette

- From the Book of Common Prayer; the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two—<https://www.bcponline.org/HE/he2.html>

Chopping Block:

Notes:

- Make sure people don't feel excluded.
- The Household of God
- Look at the Household Codes in Ephesians and Colossians
- Mutual Submission
- Christ is the Head
 - Head = Source
 - We're not to lord over but come under and serve!
- Servant Leadership
- Distinction between the Mystical Union with Christ and His Body and Local Church Organization Membership
- Re: fathers and mothers—The apostles functioned as both mothers and fathers.
 - **1 Thessalonians 2:7** But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.
 - **1 Thessalonians 2:11-12** ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

Questions:

- What comes to mind when I say, "Membership"?
- What are you a member of?
 - Costco, I wish.
 - Banking institutions
 - KSU alumni
 - Frequent shopper clubs
 - My family
 - The Body of Christ

Study further:

- Dunbar's number—https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dunbar%27s_number

Notes on 1 Timothy 3:14-16

- Peter's Confession
- Household of God—1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Ephesians 2:20-22
- Christ-Centered Doctrine
- Mystery of Faith—1 Timothy 3:9
- Seen by Angels—Galatians 4:3, 9; Colossians 2:28, 30 following; Colossians 2:15; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 1:12; Ephesians 3:10
- Articles on the 1 Timothy 3:16 Creed
 - <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/mystery-godliness/>
 - <https://www.wordsoflife.co.uk/bible-studies/study-8-the-creed-of-the-early-church/>
 - <https://www.spurgeongems.org/vols13-15/chs786.pdf>

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

— *Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer (1979)*

1 Corinthians 15:3b-7 as Early Creed

1 Corinthians 15:1-3a ¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ^{3a} For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

1 Corinthians 15:3b-7 ^{3b} ...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15:8-11 ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

- The strong majority of historians acknowledge that the creed dates back to AD 30-35.¹ A very small minority go to AD 41.²
- **The Oxford Companion to the Bible:** “The earliest record of these appearances is to be found in 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, a tradition that Paul ‘received’ after his apostolic call, certainly not later than his visit to Jerusalem in 35 CE, when he saw Cephas (Peter) and James (Gal. 1:18-19), who, like him, were recipients of appearances.” [Eds. Metzger & Coogan (Oxford, 1993), 647.]
- **Gerd Lüdemann** (Atheist NT professor at Göttingen): “...the elements in the tradition are to be dated to the first two years after the crucifixion of Jesus...not later than three years... the formation of the appearance traditions mentioned in I Cor.15.3-8 falls into the time between 30 and 33 CE.” [*The Resurrection of Jesus*, trans. by Bowden (Fortress, 1994), 171-72.]
- **Robert Funk** (Non-Christian scholar, founder of the Jesus Seminar): “...The conviction that Jesus had risen from the dead had already taken root by the time Paul was converted about 33 C.E. On the assumption that Jesus died about 30 C.E., the time for development was thus two or three years at most.” [Roy W. Hoover, and the Jesus Seminar, *The Acts of Jesus*, 466.]
- **James Dunn** (Professor at Durham): “Despite uncertainties about the extent of tradition which Paul received (126), there is no reason to doubt that this information was communicated to Paul as part of his introductory catechesis (16.3) (127). He would have needed to be informed of precedents in order to make sense of what had happened to him. When he says, ‘I handed on (paredoka) to you as of first importance (en protois) what I also received (parelabon)’ (15.3), he assuredly does not imply that the tradition became important to him only at some subsequent date. More likely he indicates the importance of the tradition to himself from the start; that was why he made sure to pass it on to the Corinthians when they first believed (15.1-2) (128). This tradition, we can be entirely confident, was formulated as tradition within months of Jesus' death. [*Jesus Remembered* (Eerdmans, 2003) 854-55.]
- **Michael Goulder** (Atheist NT professor at Birmingham): “[It] goes back at least to what Paul was taught when he was converted, a couple of years after the crucifixion. [“The Baseless Fabric of a Vision,” in Gavin D’Costa, editor, *Resurrection Reconsidered*(Oneworld, 1996), 48.]
- **A. J. M. Wedderburn** (Non-Christian NT professor at Munich): “One is right to speak of ‘earliest times’ here, ... most probably in the first half of the 30s.” [*Beyond Resurrection* (Hendrickson, 1999), 113-114.]
- **N.T. Wright** (NT scholar [Oxford, 5+ honorary Ph.ds]): “This is the kind of foundation-story with which a community is not at liberty to tamper. It was probably formulated within the first two or three years after Easter itself, since it was already in formulaic form when Paul ‘received’ it. (So Hays 1997, 255.)” [*The Resurrection of the Son of God*(Fortress, 2003), 319.]
- Many also speak of how early, in general, the creed must have been.³
 1. Some feel the creed was “in used by AD 30” (Walter Kasper, *Jesus the Christ*, trans. V. Geen (Paulist, 1976), 125.). Virtually no scholar puts it beyond the 40s (Gerald O’Collins, *What Are They Saying About the Resurrection* (Paulist Press, 1978), 112.). AD 51, at least, is indisputable Terminus quo. Peter May: “Christ’s death is generally thought to have occurred in AD 30 (or 33).⁴ Paul wrote his letter to the church at Corinth around AD 55, some 25 years later. He had delivered this creed to them when he visited Corinth in AD 51. Few dates could be more certain, because while he was there he was hauled up before the Roman proconsul Gallio (Acts 18:12-17). Gallio, who subsequently conspired against Nero, was the brother of the philosopher Seneca. Proconsulship was a one year post and a Roman stone inscription found early in the 20th century at nearby Delphi records his period of office as being AD 51-52. This date is so firmly established that it has become one of the lynchpins for working out the dates of the rest of New Testament chronology.” [“The Resurrection of Jesus and the Witness of Paul,” (2008) online at bethinking.org]
 2. Technically, there will also always be odd three to five mythicist scholars as well who are forced to dismiss the passage as something a later scribe added to Paul's letter. Robert Price is the main mythicist who has argued for this.
 3. For example,...

Ulrich Wilckens: “indubitably goes back to the oldest phase of all in the history of primitive Christianity.”
[Resurrection: Biblical Testimony to the Resurrection: An Historical Examination and Explanation (St. Andrew Press, 1977), 2.]

“member” in ESV

Genesis 15:3

And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a **member** of my household will be my heir.”

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Genesis 36:6

Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the **members** of his household, his livestock, all his beasts, and all his property that he had acquired in the land of Canaan. He went into a land away from his brother Jacob.

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Leviticus 25:47

[*Redeeming a Poor Man*] “If a stranger or sojourner with you becomes rich, and your brother beside him becomes poor and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner with you or to a **member** of the stranger's clan,

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1 Chronicles 5:23

[*The Half-Tribe of Manasseh*] The **members** of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They were very numerous from Bashan to Baal-hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon.

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Job 17:7

My eye has grown dim from vexation, and all my **members** are like a shadow.

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Ezekiel 23:20

and lusted after her lovers there, whose **members** were like those of donkeys, and whose issue was like that of horses.

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Matthew 5:29

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your **members** than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

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Matthew 5:30

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your **members** than that your whole body go into hell.

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Mark 15:43

Joseph of Arimathea, a respected **member** of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

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Luke 23:50

[*Jesus Is Buried*] Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a **member** of the council, a good and righteous man,

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Romans 6:13

Do not present your **members** to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your **members** to God as instruments for righteousness.

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Romans 6:19

I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your **members** as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your **members** as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

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Romans 7:5

For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our **members** to bear fruit for death.

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Romans 7:23

but I see in my **members** another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my **members**.

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Romans 11:1

[*The Remnant of Israel*] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a **member** of the tribe of Benjamin.

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Romans 12:4

For as in one body we have many **members**, and the **members** do not all have the same function,

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Romans 12:5

so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually **members** one of another.

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1 Corinthians 6:15

Do you not know that your bodies are **members** of Christ? Shall I then take the **members** of Christ and make them **members** of a prostitute? Never!

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1 Corinthians 12:12

[*One Body with Many Members*] For just as the body is one and has many **members**, and all the **members** of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

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1 Corinthians 12:14

For the body does not consist of one **member** but of many.

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1 Corinthians 12:18

But as it is, God arranged the **members** in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

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1 Corinthians 12:19

If all were a single **member**, where would the body be?

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1 Corinthians 12:25

that there may be no division in the body, but that the **members** may have the same care for one another.

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1 Corinthians 12:26

If one **member** suffers, all suffer together; if one **member** is honored, all rejoice together.

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1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ and individually **members** of it.

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Ephesians 2:19

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and **members** of the household of God,

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Ephesians 3:6

This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, **members** of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are **members** one of another.

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Ephesians 5:30

because we are **members** of his body.

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1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for **members** of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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James 3:5

So also the tongue is a small **member**, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

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James 3:6

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our **members**, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

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