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Let's Stick Together

Ephesians 4:1-16





Ephesians 1:9-10 NLT

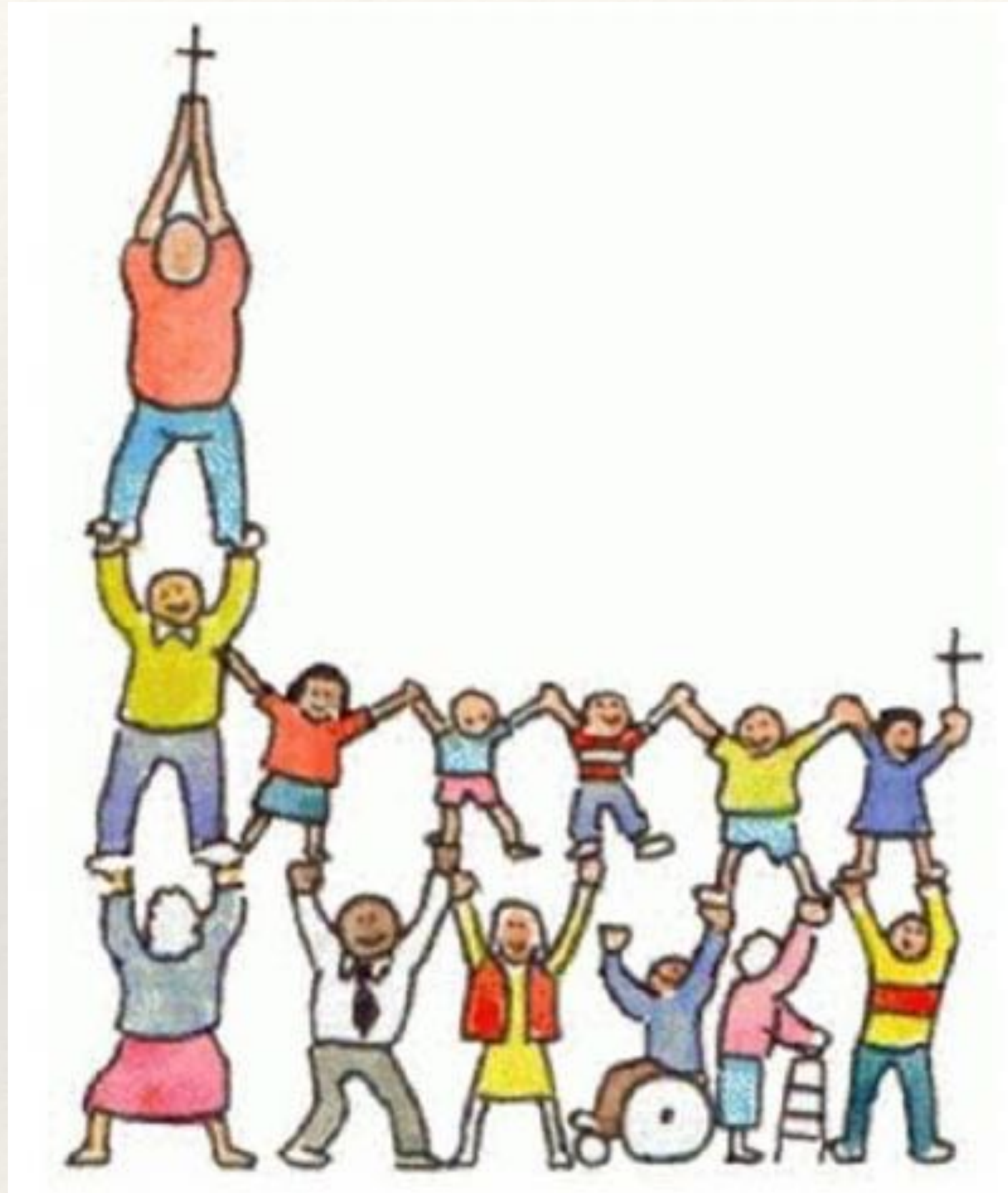
God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.



Ephesians 2:19-21 NLT

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.





Ephesians 3:10-11 NLT

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.



Ephesians 4:1-3 NIV

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.



Be completely humble - NIV

with all humility - ESV

Always be humble - NLT



Blessed are....

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

LONGSUFFERING

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL

Fruit of the Spirit

GALATIANS 5:22





Humility
Gentleness
Patience
Bearing with





1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace

Ephesians 4:4-6 NIV

There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called to **one** hope when you were called; **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism; **one** God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



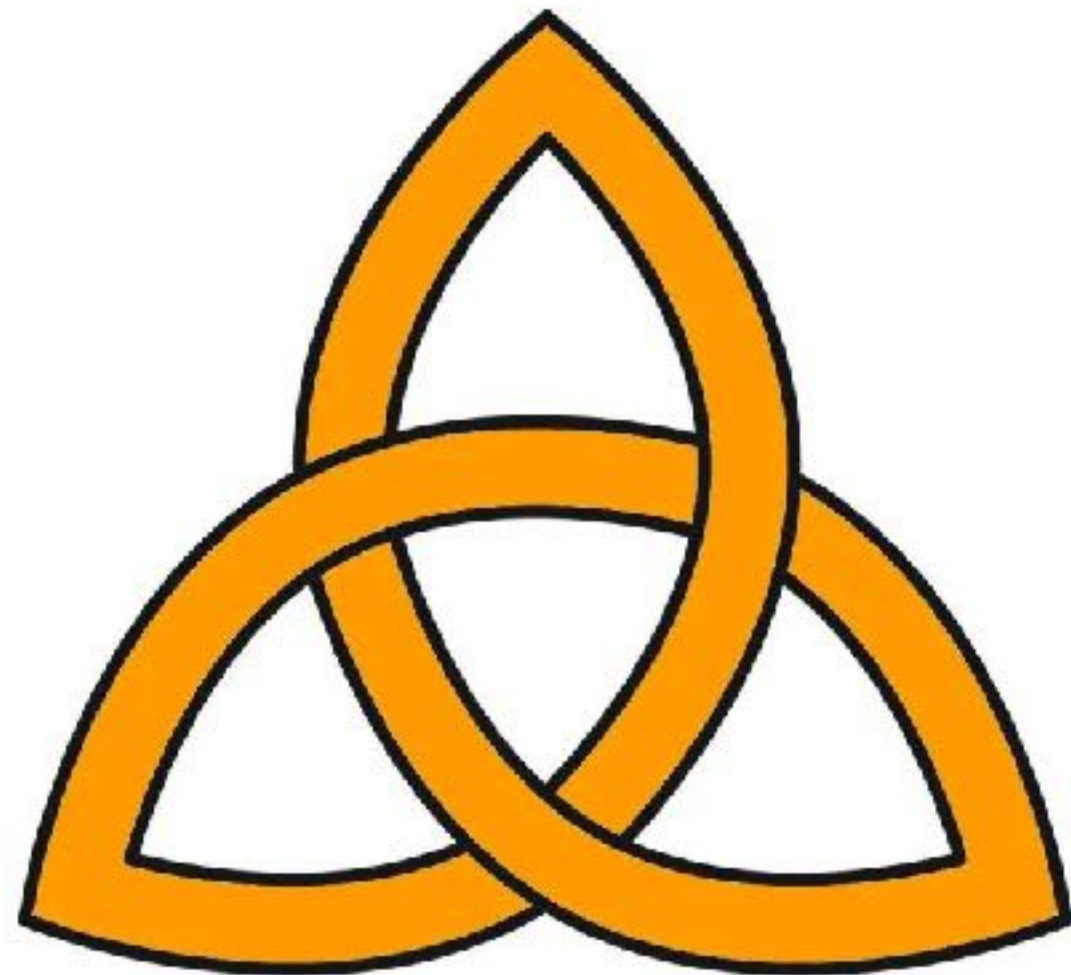
Deuteronomy 6:4 NIV

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.



John 17:20-23 NIV

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



Ephesians 4:4-6 NIV

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Ephesians 4:7-13 NIV

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,
to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Psalm 68:18 NIV

When you ascended on high,
you took many captives;
you received gifts from people,



—the—
EXODUS
WAY

Psalm 68:1, 6 NIV

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;

he leads out the prisoners with singing;

—the— EXODUS WAY

Psalm 68:18 NIV

When you ascended on high,
you took many captives;
you received gifts from people,
even from the rebellious—

Psalm 68:28-29 NIV

Summon your power, God;
show us your strength, our God, as you have
done before.

Because of your temple at Jerusalem
kings will bring you gifts.

—the— EXODUS WAY

Psalm 68:34-35 NIV

Proclaim the power of God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.

You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!

Ephesians 4:14-16 NIV

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



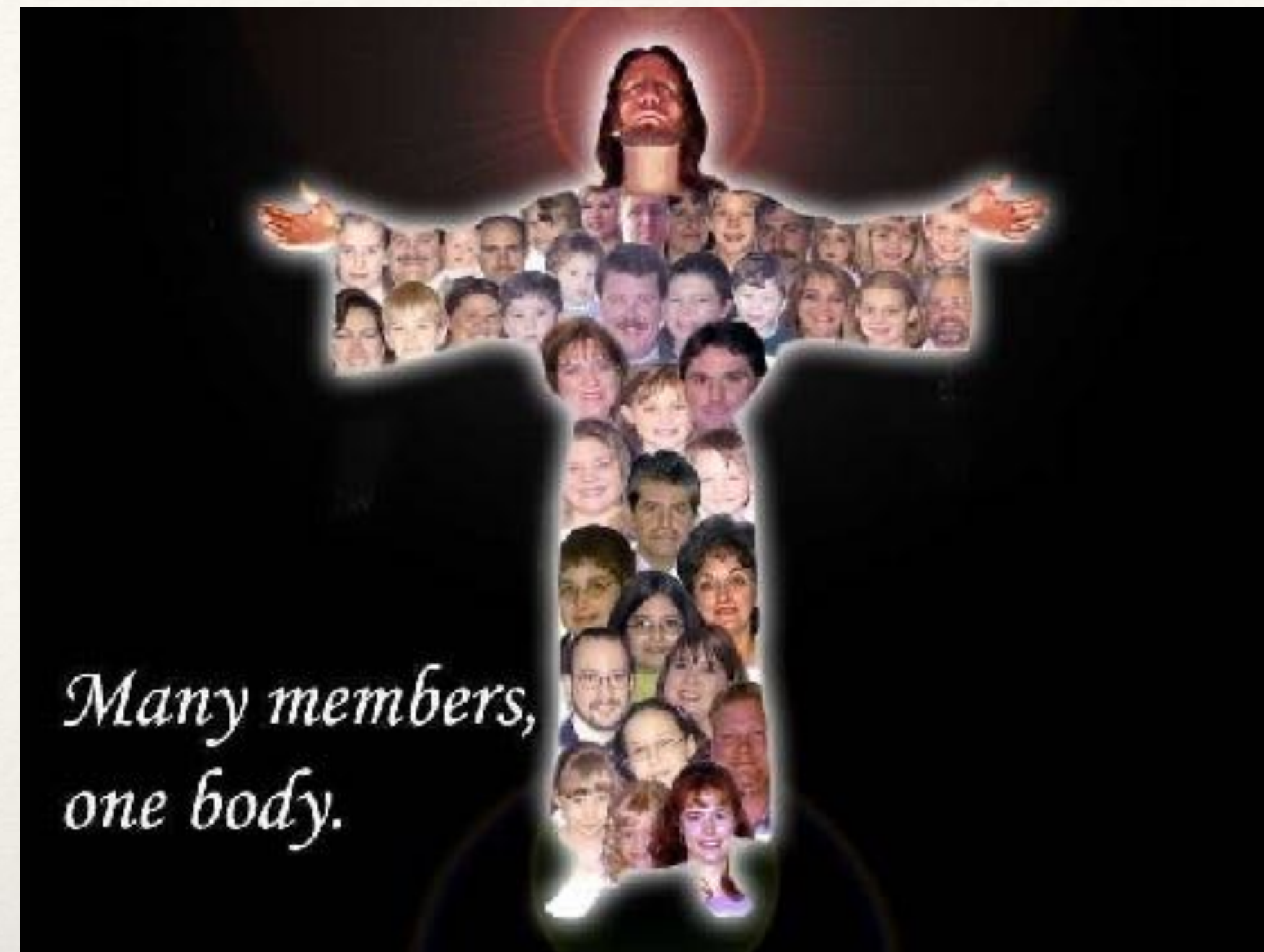
United we stand but divided we fall



Aesop's Fables

The Four Oxen

and The Lion



We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.