

“Not Alone”



Let us ponder the fact that Believers are called The Body of Christ? Well, as the Body, with Christ as the Head, we are all working together for the purpose of building to our Heavenly Father’s kingdom.

¹⁴Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body . . . ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? . . . ¹⁸But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" . . . But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for

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[a] Heb.
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each other. ²⁶If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Cor. 12:14-27 emphasis added)

Our scripture makes it clear that Believers, as parts of Christ’s Body, are designed to do different tasks, but to work together for the building of his Kingdom. “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another . . .” [a] Isolation is one of Satan’s tools. He works to isolate Believers so they will not help each other with the tasks the Lord has put before them and so they will not be able to encourage each other along the journey. This isolation can be physical or emotional. It can even be caused by being busy doing “godly things.” Remember, God did not call us to be alone.

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“What Is A Word?” (Teaching Sketch)

John 1:1-5 (NIV)



Have you ever thought about it—what is a word, anyway ?

We all use words everyday. Early in our lives we discovered there were strange sounds coming out of those

really big people that seemed to get them what they wanted, but not so for us. It was at this point we realized we needed to know what it was they seemed to know with those strange sounds which communicated a common understanding. We were really only interested in the others knowing what we wanted from them. Then, when we had finally mastered getting those sounds so they would do our bidding they suddenly started expecting us to respond in kind. They actually expected us to start doing what they wanted!

Yet a new mile marker had now arrived in our lives that would be with us all our days and even into eternity. It would be necessary for two-

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way communication in order for us to communicate and function within all creation.

It is a matter-of-fact that the more important a thing is within a society or group the more words there are to represent or describe the thing. Eskimos have over 30 words for snow since describing an approaching snow event can easily mean the difference between life and death. When thought about, if we take the word “fruit” for example we can see it also has many sub categories such “berry” which can be divided into many other sub-categories like tomatoes, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, elderberries and so on.

Words are so important we even have words to represent collections of words such as dictionary. Then we have collections of topics describing a myriad of things which are

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture: John 1:1-5 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word,^[a] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood^[b] it.

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[a]
Greek—logos (G3056) something said including *thought* also a *computation* here in John-word, work, utterance.

[b]
Or darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it

Creation

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** (*Offerings are placed in the basket at this time*)
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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called encyclopedias and for much broader areas we have libraries in which to keep a whole collection of almost all mankind's knowledge.

So what is a word? Well it is many things and it is very important!

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Definition^[a]

1. [n] a unit of language that native speakers can identify ; "words are the blocks from which sentences are made"; "he hardly said ten words all morning".
2. [n] a brief statement ; "he didn't say a word about it".
3. [n] new information about specific and timely events ; "they awaited news of the outcome".
4. [n] the divine word of God; the second person in the Trinity (incarnate in Jesus) .
5. [n] a secret word or phrase known only to a restricted group ; "he forgot the password".
6. [n] a promise ; "he gave his word".
7. [n] the sacred writings of the Christian religion ; "he went to carry the Word to the heathen".
8. [n] an exchange of views

on some topic ; "we had a good discussion"; "we had a word or two about it".

9. [n] a verbal command for action ; "when I give the word, charge!".

Sticks And Stones

There is an old saying children have been taught by well-meaning adults which is not in fact accurate, "Sticks and stones can break my bones but names/words will never hurt me." It can be seen in our scripture that all creation is built upon the speaking of words. Even the Christ, himself, is spoken of at the creation as the Word!

The Word of God is so powerful that the foundation of the earth is not only built upon it but the whole of space and the universe is held together by God's Word!

Miracles Through Words

The greatest miracle of all comes through words—the Gospel. People are made into new creatures. The new creature—the Believer can then speak the Word, and salvation, healing, and deliverance come. What is a word? A word is power to create or destroy. Speak carefully!