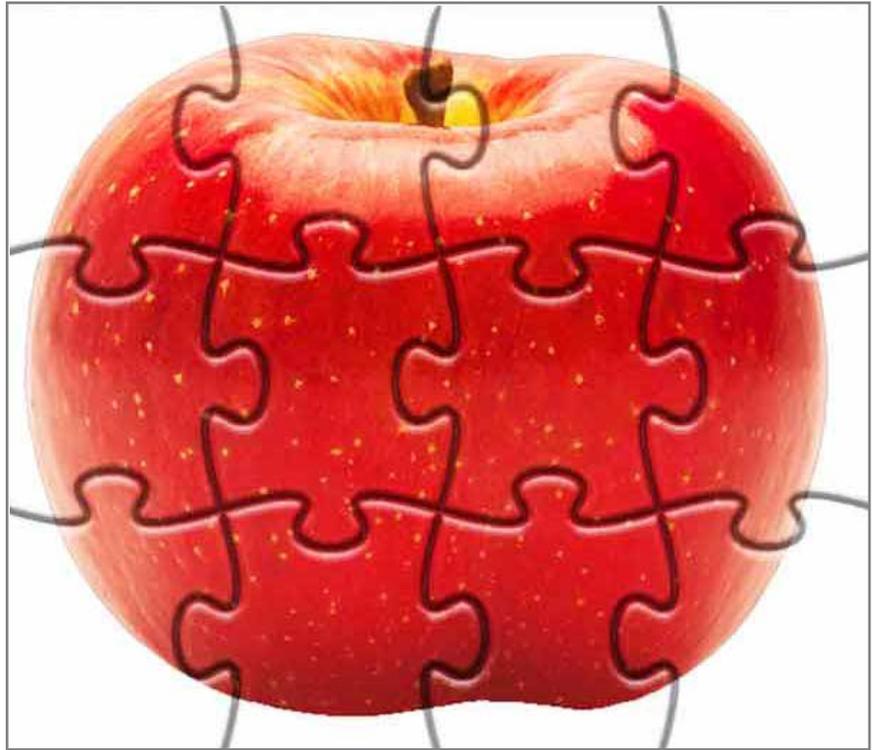


*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to **Dwell Together In Unity!**”*  
*Psalms 133:1 KJV*



The picture is only fully seen when every piece of the jigsaw puzzle is in its place. Each is unique from the others, but must join in unity to complete the picture. There is nothing more frustrating than a puzzle with missing pieces. A building is constructed of different pieces measured, shaped, and fitted together by the builder. Jesus said, *“I will Build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* God not only provides the materials, but also fits each piece into His Dwelling. *“And [Christ] is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the Head of the Body, the Church...in Whom all the Building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord: In*

*Whom ye also are Builded together for an Habitation of God through the Spirit. From Whom the whole Body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the Body unto the edifying of itself in Love. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a Spiritual House.”* Believers must realize that we each have a place in the Body of Christ for which we are specifically and specially molded. We each have different functions in the whole to display the Beauty of Christ to the world and Heaven! Just as the two by fours are unseen in the wall which could not stand without them; some in the Body are strong but unseen in their function. Some of us are the nails, some the screws, some the studs, and some the drywall of the Church of the Living God! We are the *“Lively Stones”* of God’s Building. God is molding all stones from the quarry, and each is shaped to fitly join the others in the Builder’s Plan. God has a Plan and a Place for you in mind if you submit to God. He uses our circumstances, coupled with obedience through faith to fit us for Heavenly placement. Our Example is Christ. *“Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made Perfect, He became the Author of Eternal Salvation unto all them that obey Him. Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh Patience. But let Patience have her Perfect Work, that ye may be Perfect and entire, wanting nothing; for it is God which Worketh in you.”* Patience is peaceful confidence in God’s Work of Faith in our life through His Word.

Unified by a single Mind,  
In our Lord Great Peace we find,  
To stand unmoveable in faith,  
And by His Grace upon Him wait. –CGP

Looking at others with the *“Mind of Christ,”* allows us to look past faults and see the finished work of God; the perfection of faith; and we can then work with God for that Purpose. None of us will be perfect until Christ’s Return and we must begin that scrutiny and labour, first, within our self. Fitting in is God’s Work, not ours. Our obedience to God’s Word is what allows Him to mold us for the fitting.

*“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this Mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”* *Philippians 2:3-5 KJV*