

"Now ye are The Body of Christ, and members in particular." 1 Corinthians 12:27 KJV

The beauty of Jesus, yes, beauty is more than just pleasant and fair. *"He is altogether lovely!"* His Words cause hearts to burn! The disciples on the road to Emmaus said *"Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"* In Him there is all perfection. He is nothing but loveliness; in appearance, in behavior, in character, in Word, and in deed. Suns have spots, wonders of nature have deserts, but Jesus is gold without alloy; light without darkness; glory without cloud! Believers are quick to glorify and praise the matchless Lover of their souls, and well they should for *"He is the Head of The Body, The Church: who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell."* However, more often than not, believers are critical and disdainful of one another. *"If a man say, 'I love God,' and hateth his brother, HE IS A LIAR: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments."* Jesus said, *"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."* We cannot be a witness to the Lord Jesus Christ without Love. Without love, believers become *"sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."* When Satan's whispers cause ill thoughts of a believer, remember; they are a member of the *"Body of Christ."* Jesus said, *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me and inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."* To withhold encouragement, exhortation, or instruction is sin, because *"to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."* Love is an action, not a feeling! Fellowship is believers extolling to one another the Lord Jesus; His love, His grace, His protection, His salvation and the list continues! He is our common perfect ground! There is nothing about Him unworthy of praise or discussion!



The body shows the inward soul,
And with the spirit make the whole,
The love for one is love for all,
And any part will soul enthrall. ~CGP

The easiest way to not find fault with others is to evaluate your own life by the standard of God's Word. NONE OF US is without sin! If we spent half as much time policing ourselves as we did others, we would have no time for criticism. Let the Holy Spirit through God's Word cleanse you of ill thoughts towards fellow saints. Seek forgiveness and forgive when it is sought. *"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."* Love is the only perfect thing about believers, because *"God is love."* It is *"Christ in you; the hope of glory."* Look for Christ in others and love will blossom *"for He is ALTOGETHER lovely!"*

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one Body; and be ye thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."
Colossians 3:15-17 KJV