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*“Receive ye one another as Christ
also received us to the glory of God”*

Romans 5:7 KJV



Sunrise over the Newark NJ Tarmac, May 2024.

It is my practice to begin my presentations with a sunrise and end with a sunset.

There are visual impressions I know you will take in without me having to explain, and if I do explain it, let that be the latter thought and the beholding the first.

Am I open to receive this glorious sunrise from the seat belt constrained spot, looking through this little hole of a window that is not very clear?

That is a matter of seeing one of God's immeasurable gifts, and it begins to sink in that this is authentic light. (Not man made.) God is presence-ing and declared without words a brightness and glory that is subject to His will as a benevolent Creator.

Psalm 19:1-3 NASB

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
Day to day pours forth speech,
And night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
Their voice is not heard.

I just came from an outdoor afternoon with the family, and many of God's natural gifts were on display, pleasant weather, and to top the moment, a meadow lark's song and call echoed across the nearby field.

I also spent time with my sister Ruth, who can vocalize, reach out, touch, look up, but no words are spoken.

In both of these moments, there is a beauty to behold and a fresh energy of life to receive back from being sensitive, by giving proper loving attention, my disposition toward it makes all the difference.

Today then body of my presentation is to tell how
God uses the metaphor of the body to teach us the
truth. (All Through The Apostle Paul)

One Body: 1 Corinthians 12,

Members of the body: Romans 12,

Unity: Ephesians 4,

Bride: Ephesians 5

Pillar: 1 Timothy 3:15,

House: 2 Timothy 2: 22

Let us read 2 Timothy 2:19-22 NASB

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.”

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:23 NAAB

Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Do you feel a tug to have this word “pure” explained so that I would know exactly what to do and who to meet with? Would it be left brain nice to explicitly tell where to gather here and not gather down the street, and to go on a step further and say there is only one Lord’s Table, and only one unity of the spirit?

Rather, it was seeing godliness declared like the sun without words. Was it rather godly sincerity and the strength of an authentic life as we live out the way the truth and the life?

Hebrews 13:12-14 NASB

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

Hebrews 10:24 NASB

and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

These are the body's backbone truths.

We make "careful search and inquiry" as to how we are to walk today. Just as there are many of us, let us then encourage one another as long as it is called today.

*Imagine with me, with the help of this photo of tall buildings and relatively narrow passage between them, and I was sitting on Moore street reading, and the sun came pouring in from between all shadowy man-made objects to find me.
About 7:30 PM NYC*

