

One Head, One Body

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Luke 22:27

27 For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

John 13:12-17

12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Rom 12:3-8

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.

Some youth in Coweta County were telling their congregation what they had experienced at church camp. A young woman, just heading into high school, said she had an experience with the Lord at camp where He had told her in her personal devotions with Him that she was prideful and He wanted to remove that from her. So she confessed this as sin to Him, and He cleansed her from that, just as He promised in I John 1:9. What a wonderful testimony from one so young!

The Scripture says that not one of us is to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, because we are all one body in Christ.

Which part of your body would you give up today? Really think about it, just for a moment.

This thinking of the church as a body certainly does NOT come naturally to any of us and we all need grace to really know that we are not a bigger deal than other members of the body. We need each person.

But this realization comes with maturity. We're like little babies discovering our hands and fingers, our feet and toes, our mouths and ears ... and it takes years before we have an appreciation for all our internal organs. It's really like that in the Body of Christ as well.

So let's pray this week that the Lord would give all of us in the Body of Christ in Coweta County great grace to love and honor each other, not counting ourselves better than others.

And pray that we would all follow the example of Jesus, who was among us as one who serves.