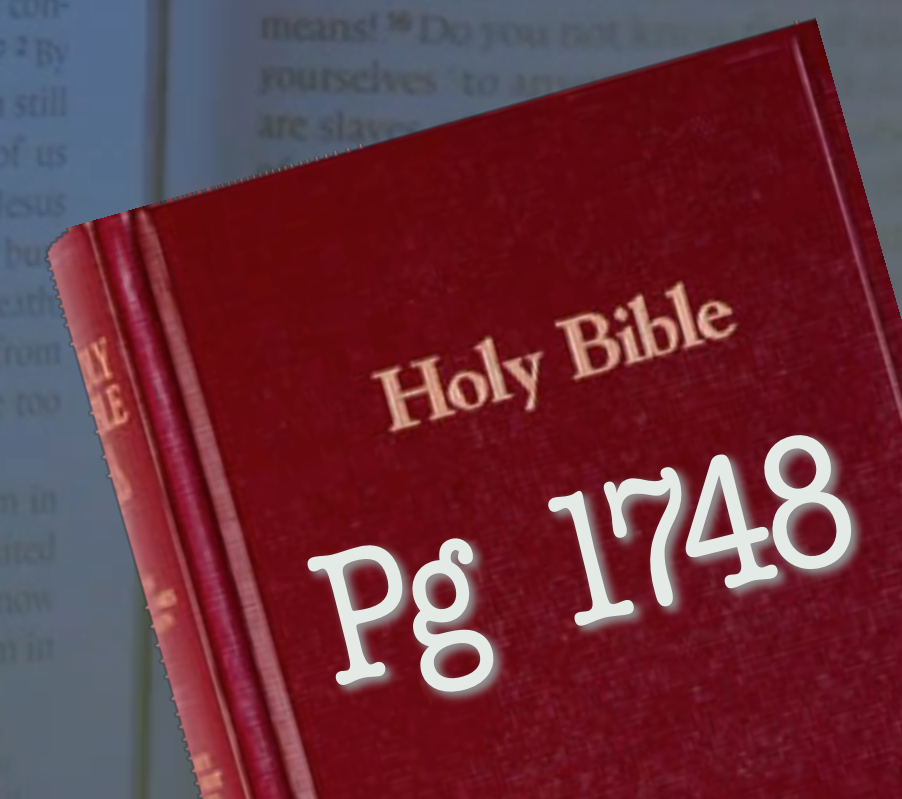


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written for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us "who believe in him who raised up for our trespasses a sacrifice of himself, to purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good deeds."

Peace with God Through Faith

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, "we" have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.² Through him we have also "obtained access by faith" into this grace "in which we stand, and "we" rejoice" in hope of the glory of God.³ Not only that, but we "rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering "produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and "hope does not put us to shame, because God's love "has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For "while we were still weak, at the right time "Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but "God shows his love for us in that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore, "we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from "the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if "while we were enemies "we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved

Christ abounded for "many."¹⁶ And "we free are not like the result of what "man's judgment follows his "conscience, but "we are free because of "grace, which "abounds to all who "believe. "How much more, then, shall "grace reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ, as "death reigned through that one man. Much more will those who receive the "abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness "reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so "one act of righteousness" leads to justification and life for "all men.¹⁹ For as by the one man's "disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's "obedience the many will be made righteous.²⁰ Now "the "law came in to increase the trespass, but where "sin increased, "grace abounded all the more, so that, "as sin reigned in death, "grace "might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6 What shall we say? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?² By no means! How can "we "who died to sin still live in it?³ Do you not know that all of us "who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?⁴ We were "buried therefore with him "in baptism into death,

order that "the body of sin might be destroyed, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin.⁷ For "one who has died is freed from sin.⁸ Now "if we "have died with Christ, we "shall also live with him.⁹ For "we know that our "old self was crucified with him, so that "we "might no longer be slaves to sin, "because "the "body of sin has been destroyed, "so that "we "might no longer have dominion over us.¹⁰ For "the death he died he died to sin, "once; "the life he lives he lives to God.¹¹ So "we must consider ourselves "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not "sin therefore reign in your body, to make you obey its passions. "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but "present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members as instruments for righteousness.¹⁴ For "sin "shall not have dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin "because we are not under law but under grace?" "By no means!¹⁶ Do you not know that if you "present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, "either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?¹⁷ But "thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves to sin "have now become obedient from the heart to the teaching of the truth, "so that you, "having been freed from sin, "might become slaves to righteousness.

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GOSPEL-POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION (1:1-17)

WRATH-ALL SINNERS-CONDEMNATION (1:18-3:20)

GRACE-SAVED BY FAITH-JUSTIFICATION (3:21-5:21)

SANCTIFY-BY FAITH-SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:13)

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- say to **EVERYONE** who is among you
- God has dealt to **EACH ONE** a measure...

**As each one has received a gift,
minister it to one another, as good
stewards of the manifold grace of
God.**

1 Peter 4:10

As each of you has received a gift
*(a particular spiritual talent, a gracious
divine endowment)*, employ it for one
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Galatians 6:3-4

For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

1 Corínthians 4:7

**“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”**

James 4:6

**I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes,
who loves to have the preeminence
among them, does not receive us.**

3 John 9

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Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

Acts 6:1

Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

Acts 6:2

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

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**Honest evaluation (v. 3).
Each Christian must know
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ministries) he is to have in
the local church. It is not
wrong for a Christian to
recognize gifts in his own life
and in the lives of others.**

— *Warren W. Wiersbe* —



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I once ministered with two men who had opposite attitudes toward their gifts: the one man constantly belittled his gifts and would not use them, and the other man constantly boasted about gifts that he did not possess. Actually, both of them... refused to acknowledge God's grace and let Him have the glory.

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“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

Matthew 25:14–15

Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

Matthew 25:16–18

After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:19

“So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

Matthew 25:20–21

He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Matthew 25:22-23

“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’

Matthew 25:24–25

“But his lord answered and said to him,
‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew
that I reap where I have not sown, and
gather where I have not scattered seed.
So you ought to have deposited my
money with the bankers, and at my
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Matthew 25:26–27

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God apportions out our service, gifts

God is faithful to do, and determine this in us

is seeking to do all & only what God has for you

is wanting all, but not more than He has for you

We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you.

2 Corinthians 10:13

**For we are not overextending
ourselves (as though our authority did
not extend to you), for it was to you
that we came with the gospel of
Christ;**

2 Corinthians 10:14

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10

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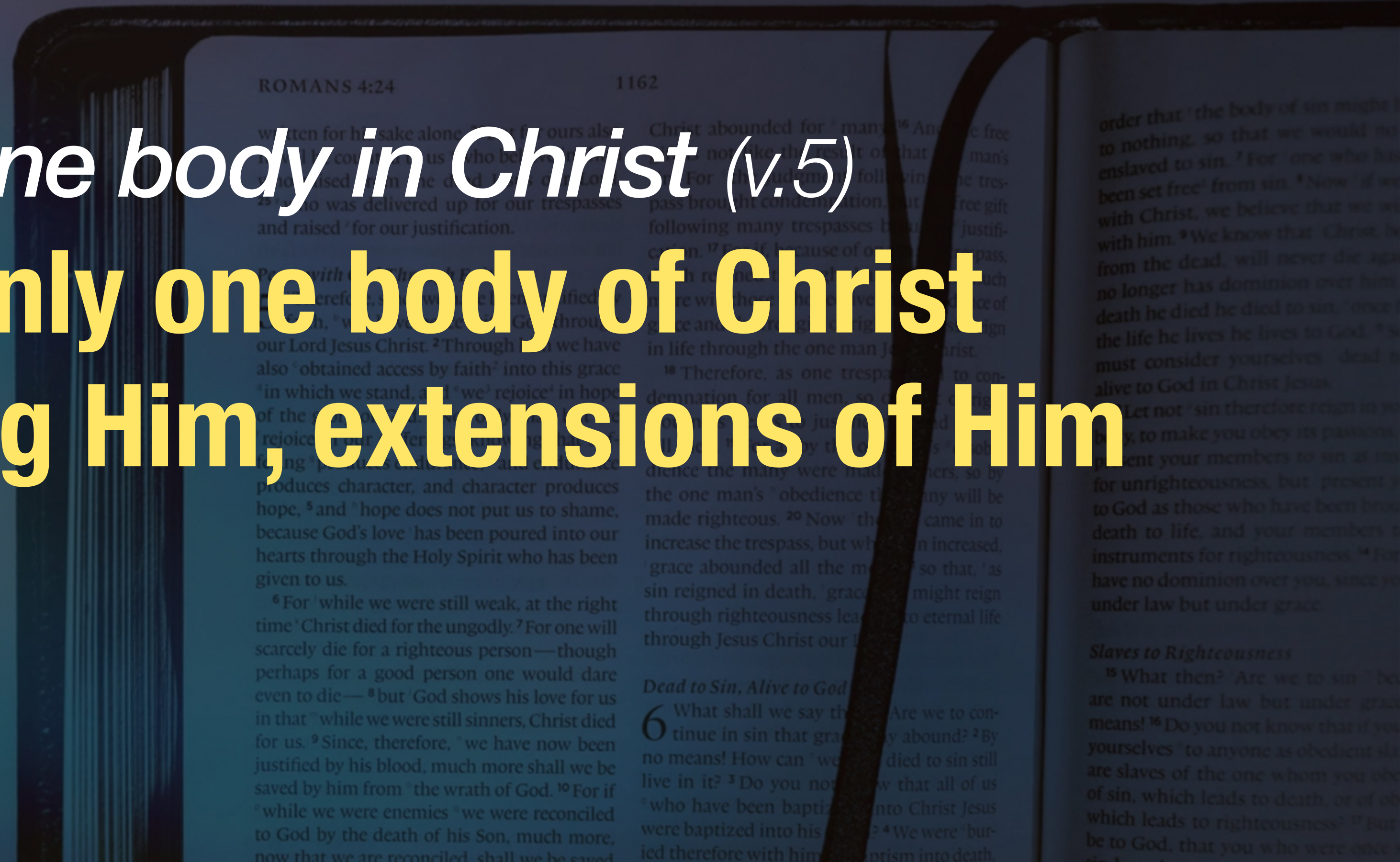
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understand there are many different gifts
next week look at list(s) of different gifts
danger of seeing ministry only thru your gift

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see it as it is...only one body of Christ
we are all serving Him, extensions of Him



There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

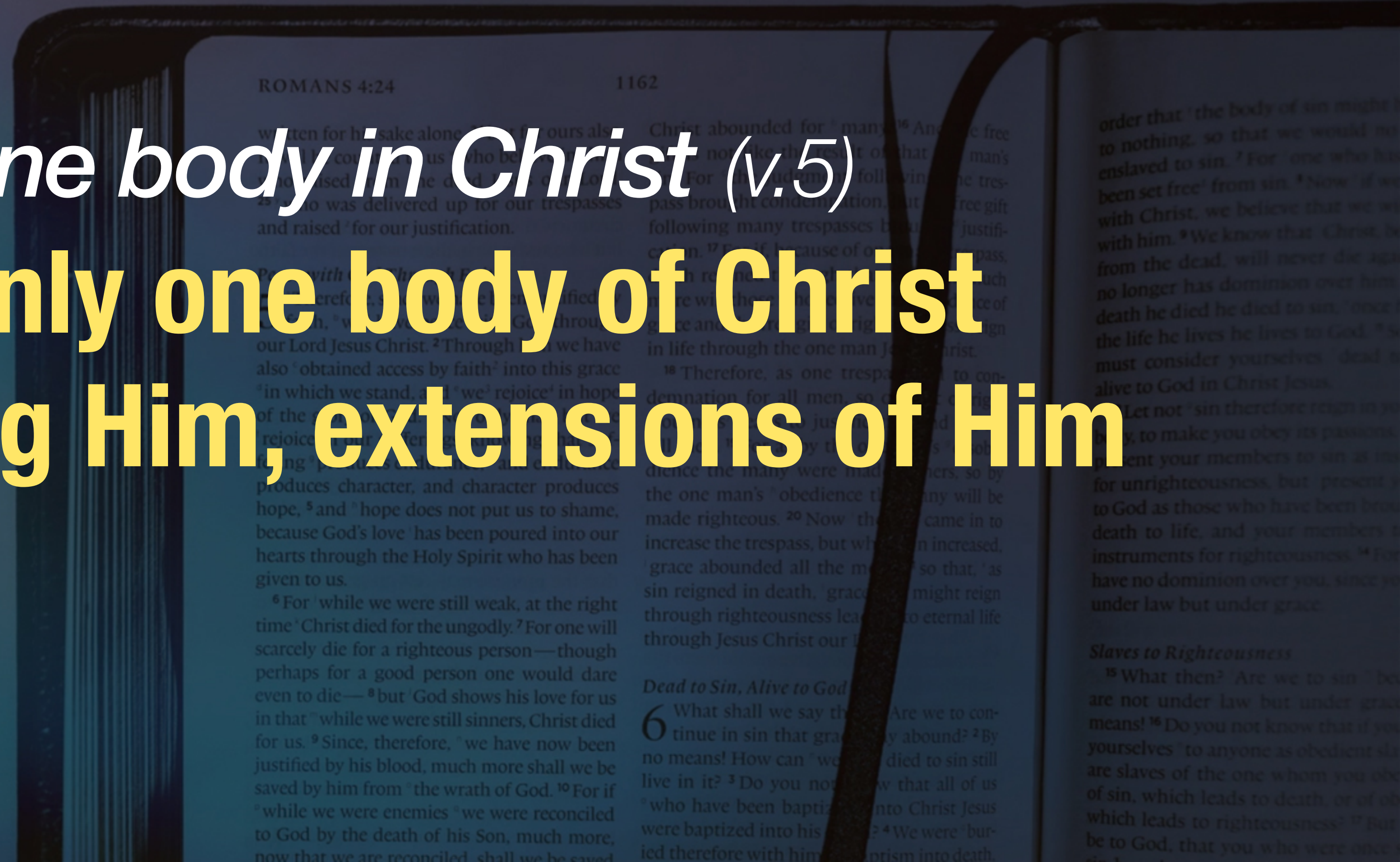
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your gift is meant bless & benefit the body

If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?

1 Corinthians 12:15

And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?

1 Corinthians 12:16–17

**But now God has set the members,
each one of them, in the body just as
He pleased. And if they were all one
member, where would the body be?
But now indeed there are many
members, yet one body.**

1 Corinthians 12:18–20

**And the eye cannot say to the hand,
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1 Peter 4:10

But the manifestation of the Spirit is
given to each one **for the profit of all:**

1 Corinthians 12:7

... grow up in...Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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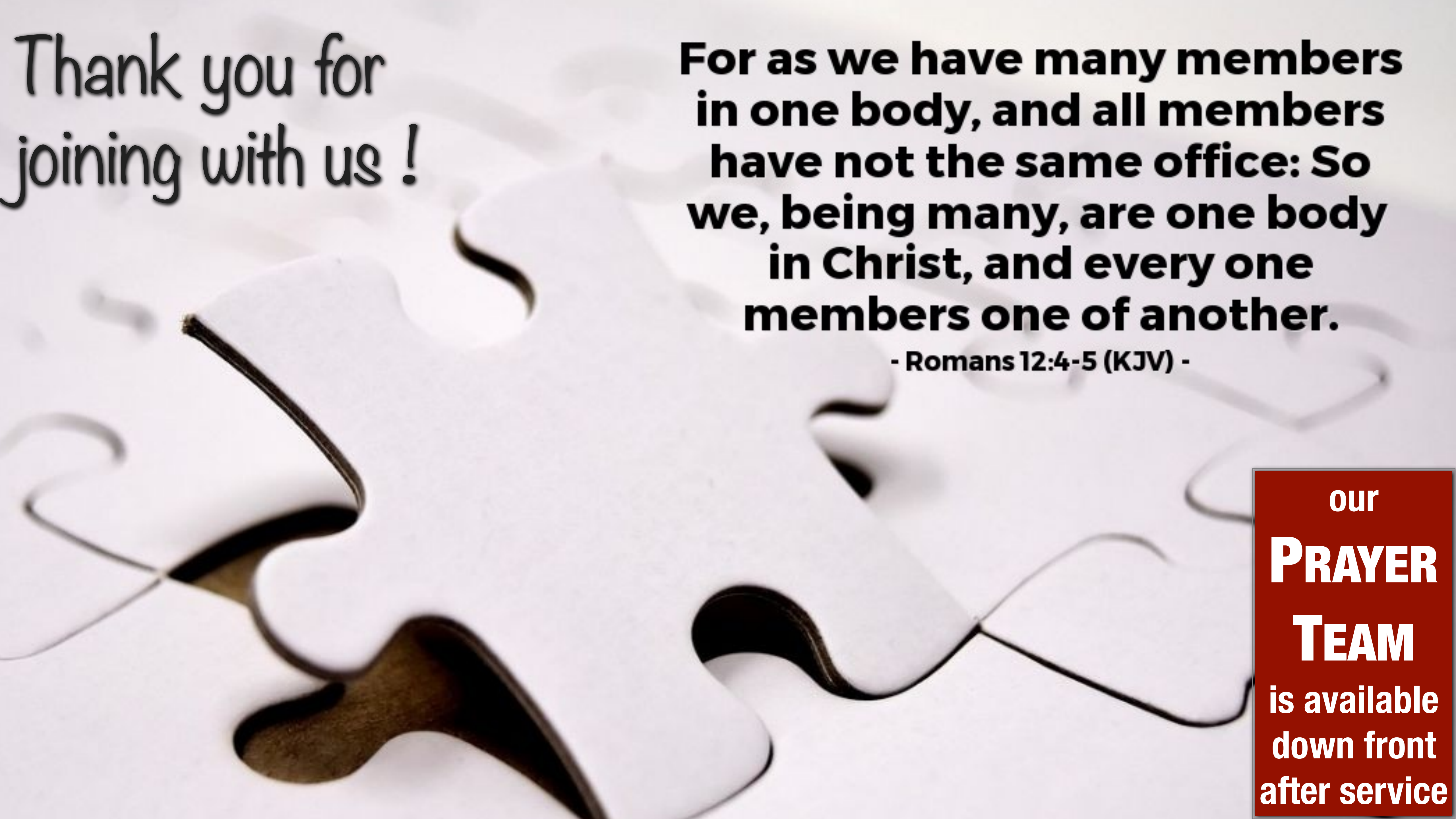
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in one body, and all members
have not the same office: So
we, being many, are one body
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- Romans 12:4-5 (KJV) -

our
**PRAYER
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down front
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