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the Cruciform life

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Reflections

Those who love their dream of a Christian community more than they love the Christian community itself become destroyers of that Christian community even though their personal intentions may be ever so honest, earnest and sacrificial.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When we meet Jesus around people who are just like us and then continue to follow Jesus with people who are just like us, we stifle our growth in Christ and open ourselves up to a world of division.

- Christena Cleveland

How easy is it for an American Christian to approach finding the right church the way we approach buying cereal at the supermarket? We're looking for all the right ingredients and rejecting churches because they don't have our style of worship, our style of preaching, or our types of people. We're purchasing a product rather than committing to the body of Christ.

- Soong-Chan Rah

Sermon

the Cruciform life: Cruciform Community

Rankin Wilbourne

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.


²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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Events & News

Membership Seminar, January 20

If you are ready to call PCC your church home, come hear what the Bible teaches us about membership and what it means to be a member of PCC. Breakfast provided.

Congregational Meeting for Pacific Crossroads' Members, January 21

Come elect a new class of deacons and elders on January 21 at 10:30 AM (between the morning services, in the auditorium) and at 4:15 PM (in Parish Hall at St. John's).

Relational Wisdom Seminar, January 27

Learn how to discover interests and abilities in yourself and others, discern other people's emotions and interpret them in the light of God's Word, and use this insight to manage your responses and relationships successfully.

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