

# Mosaic

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## Held Together in Him

- A mosaic is a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass or ceramic, held in place by plaster/mortar.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Philippians 1:6** And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

### CONNECTED TO THE SOURCE OF LIFE

- The imagery of the mosaic reminded me of something similar Jesus said in the gospels.

**John 15:5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

**John 15:6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

- Without Jesus, we are disconnected pieces. Trying to grow and make our own way but lacking life.

**Colossians 1:17-18** 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

- The church is who I am, not where I go. Nobody is able to function headless.
- Jesus is not just a part of the mosaic; He is the One who holds it all together.

### WE ARE CONNECTED THROUGH JESUS

**Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV)** 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

- Christ is the head of the body, and each of us is a part of that body, connected through Him.
- We are not isolated pieces; we are joined together in Christ to form a unified whole.
- A mosaic is only complete when all the pieces are placed together.

**Acts 2:42-47** 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- Are we disconnected from the Christ of Christianity?

**Acts 2:1-4** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

### **ONE SPIRIT, ONE LORD, ONE BODY, MANY PARTS**

- Your body has many parts with different functions.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 12-13** 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

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.