

# How important the body of Christ is to Him!

Rom 12:1-5

Vs 4-5 "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. "

## How any one can lose their place in the body?

1. A person becomes upset over one or a few things varying in seriousness.
2. His attitude towards the church changes to 'me' and 'them'. I am here, they are there.
3. Finds a sympathetic ear who endorses his problem. Then he goes on and it magnifies the problem.
4. Begins to find the word and worship uninspiring and dry.
5. He begins to lose his openness and fellowship with the pastor.
6. He loses the joy of mixing with and serving with others. Joy in the house!
7. Has an Attitude of Criticism towards the church and leaders develop and expresses it to those around him.
8. He gains the conviction that God is leading him to another church.
9. He systematically relinquishes his responsibility and involvement in the life of the church - everything gets too much.
10. He leaves with little gratitude for any help or support that he got from the church.

Psalm 15:1-5 David and the character of those shall never be shaken.

There are 3 things that we can learn from this passage -

1. Three things that anchor our personal life in the world. Vs 2
  1. Blameless
  2. Working righteousness - trusting god to do what is right
  3. A call if the commitment on Speaking the truth - to ourselves and one another
2. Three things for Protecting your relationships. Vs 3
  1. Don't pick up slander.
  2. Doing evil to your Neighbour
  3. Take up a reproach against a good friend.
3. Four keys to help us walk wisely. Vs 4
  1. Honouring those who fear the lord
  2. Who keeps his oath if you say it - do it!
  3. Who lends his money without high interest. Don't give to try and get something back.
  4. Doesn't accept a bride.

**HE WHO DOES THESE THINGS WILL NEVER BE SHAKEN**