

LOVE THAT COUNTS

Romans 12:9-21

INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE TRANSFORMED LIFE

- In view of God's mercy's
- Live the complete sacrifice

WE BECOME THE BODY OF CHRIST

Romans 12:4,5

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

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- 5 purposes of the church are: 1. Fellowship; 2. Discipleship; 3. Ministry; 4. Evangelism; 5. Worship
- Truth Fellowship equals "Koinonia"
- Koinonia is characterized by "agape" love
- Struggles come because of different stages of growth

TWELVE TRAITS THAT ARE TO CHARACTERIZE OUR FELLOWSHIP

1. Sincerity

I John 4:19-21

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar.

For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

²¹And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

2. Discernment

3. Affection

4. Honour

5. Enthusiasm

6. Patience

7. Generosity

8. Hospitality

9. Good Will

10. Sympathy

11. Harmony

12. Humility

WE ARE TO RESPOND TO EVIL WITH GOOD