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We Have Shared Purpose

Romans 12:4-5

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1 Corinthians 12:12-13

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.

Matthew 16: 16-18

¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

“The church is the new community called out from the world into what is the beginning of the new age. The resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Spirit mean that God’s new world has begun, the future has partially invaded the present, the seeds of the new creation have already begun budding in the old garden, and God’s victory on the cross is now beginning to claim back territory in a world enslaved by sin. The first Christians saw themselves as the vanguard of a new redeemed humanity that God was creating in Jesus Christ.” -Michael Bird

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ **Go** therefore and **make disciples of all nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

You are a part of the Church, which is a new community empowered by the Holy Spirit to live together on earth as it is in heaven and to bring heaven to earth by introducing people to Jesus and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus commanded.

We Have Individual Gifts

Romans 12:6-8

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1. Use your gifts with your presence

2. Use your gifts with specific serving needs

We Have Radical Grace

Romans 12:6

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