

Every Believer Has A Place On The Team

Our Core Beliefs #4

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1. In the beginning God made everything and declared the finished product "good" and "very good."
2. God is also Creator of the Church. It was more costly for him to create than all his other creations combined.
3. The church is described as the sheep of his pasture with Christ himself being the Great Shepherd.
4. We are the branches. Jesus is the vine. God is the gardener. Fruit is the goal.
5. We are his bride. He is our groom. He has gone to prepare a place for us after assuring us of his love.
6. We are his garden. We await the harvest.
7. We are his As living stones he places us around Christ who is the corner stone.
8. We are his body. He is our Head.
9. What goes wrong that so many people get hurt by the church?
10. Satan works endlessly to tarnish her image.
11. The church is imperfect people at various levels of growth in grace.
12. There is interpersonal relationship growth.
13. God gives gifts to every believer that are to be used for the good of the whole church. It isn't about me. It is about Jesus and us.
14. The problem in the church is inactive members or what Jesus referred to as unfruitful branches in John 15.
15. Some tell me they are too busy. This is what John refers to when tells us not to fall in love with the world because it isn't possible to love the world and love God also.
16. Parents, our primary responsibility with our kids is teaching them to be disciples. I have to be one to teach it.
17. We have a place for you if you love God want his will in your life and are willing to be responsible as a worker.