

# Connecting to God's People

## BETTER LIFE #3 – Pastor Gary Combs – September 3, 2017 – Romans 12:4-5

Romans 12:4-5 (ESV) <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

### Three Steps to Connect to God's People:

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's call to belong.

Romans 12:5 (NLT) ... And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other ...

Romans 12:5 (GW) ... Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.

Ephesians 2:19 (Living) ... you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's gifts with His people.

WE CAN SHARE OUR:

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1 Corinthians 14:12 (NIV) Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

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Proverbs 27:17 (TEV) "People learn from one another, just as iron sharpens iron."

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1 Peter 4:9 (NCV) "Open your homes to each other."

Acts 5:42 (NIV) Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

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Acts 2:45 (ESV) And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

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Galatians 6:2 (NLT) "Share each other's troubles and problems."

Acts 2:42 (NIV) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's family as your own.

Romans 12:10 (GW) Be devoted to each other like a loving family.

Ephesians 2:19 (NLT) ... You are members of God's family.

1 John 4:20-21 (GW) Whoever says, "I love God," but hates another believer is a liar. People who don't love other believers, whom they have seen, can't love God, whom they have not seen. Christ has given us this commandment: The person who loves God must also love other believers.