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**The Only One**

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (25) And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. (KJV)

When watching sporting events, they will have many that participate in them, and many will do well for a season. However, at the end of that season only one is crowned, while the rest and their efforts will be all for naught and vain. It is our Lord’s desire that at the end of the course that He set for you to follow before the foundation of the world, that you are one of a body or team of believers who end up with the crown of life that He died to give to mankind.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (KJV)

Actually the whole plan and purpose of our Lord sending His people is so that others can narrow their belief to One, which then makes them a part of the body of believers in Christ. It’s when one is able to narrow their belief in one Lord, by one faith, then it perfects or makes one mature in Christ, thus eliminating doubting and fear. When we were children we would be afraid of things, that later on in life we found out to be a hoax. However, once one grows up and has the eyes of their understanding enlightened they are then able to see clearly the difference between the truth of God’s word and the cheap imitations that the enemy tries to pawn off as truth.

Ephesians 4:14-16 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (KJV)

Even though we have many members in this body of believers, the common denominator in all of this is Christ, the name that binds and holds this all together. Anytime we are no longer hearing personally from Christ where He would have us to operate in His body of believers, it is at that point that we have stepped off His course that He chose for us to run this race on, and have started back down a path that will lead to destruction if one does not make a u-turn again.

1 Corinthians 12:12-15 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (14) For the body is not one member, but many. (15) If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? (KJV)

You know, as hard as it would be to try to run a race in the natural realm without one of your feet, think of how much harder it is Spiritually to run the race if you are not doing your part and answering your call of where you should be in this body. In fact, you know how hard it is if your ankle is sprained, and how much attention it takes away let alone how much you have to change and alter your walk just to get through a day? So why make things so hard when our Lord said it really is the simplicity of the gospel that many miss. Oh and don’t try to be something or someone that you are not, or were never intended to be, because that won’t get you the prize either.

Romans 12:3-5 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (4) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: (5) So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (KJV)

When you go to a corporation or an office building, you usually don’t find everyone cramped in one room trying to do the same job. Rather you see them spread out throughout the building and carrying out their calling in the corporation. The Bible says that a house divided will fall; so knowing who your one and only calling is coming from will keep your house from being blown over.