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- For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. vs 4-5

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- All Christians are equal to one another.

- *Came out of darkness. 1 Pet 2:9*

- *Needed to be forgiven. Col 1:14*

- *Children of God. Rom 8:16-17*

- *Part of the same body. 1 Cor 12:13*

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- All Christians are equal to one another.
- Every Christian has a role, a responsibility within the local body of believers.
- We need to examine ourselves to make certain we are not haughty or thinking more highly of ourselves than we should.

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## • Toward Others

- Genuine love (agape) toward others.

*Rom 12:9*

- Our overall motivation should be what is “good” for one another.
- We should “abhor” any type of “evil” attitude or actions toward one another.
- A good example is seen in 1 Cor 13:4-8.

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- Treat others with brotherly love.

*Rom 12:10-21*

- “brotherly love” is a love as brothers or sisters.
  - *We are children of God. Rom 8:16-17*
  - *We are of the family of God*
  - *We are brothers and sisters.*
  - *We are family.*



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- We honor others by giving them preference. vs 10
- We are diligent and fervent in spirit while serving the Lord. vs 11

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- We rejoice together in hope. vs 12
- We are patient in tribulations. vs 12
- We continue steadfastly in prayer. vs 12
- We contribute to the needs of the saints, being given to hospitality. vs 13

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- We repay evil with kindness. We will speak kindness instead of cursing. vs 14
- We rejoice with our brethren. We will weep with our brethren. vs 15
- Be in harmony with one another. Be humble and arrogant. vs 16

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- We return good for evil. vs 17-21
  - *We work to live peacefully. vs 18*
  - *We do not seek vengeance. vs 19*
  - *We do good to our enemies. vs 20*
  - *We overcome evil with good. vs 21*

# Conclusion

- Our responsibility to the body is . . .
  - First to ourselves, to check our attitude regarding ourselves and our attitude toward others.
  - Second, we love one another with godly love and treat others with brotherly love.