

# ONE BODY

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The Bible states that in the beginning of the human race, GOD created Adam, one body. Genesis 2:18 states, "And the LORD GOD said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Verses 21-25 state, "And the LORD GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and HE took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD GOD had taken from man, made HE a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman,

because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh [ONE BODY]. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." And why should they have been ashamed? They were one flesh, ONE BODY!

"This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that GOD created man, in the likeness of GOD made HE him; Male and female created HE them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam [meaning ONE BODY], in the day when they were created" (Genesis 5:1-2).

GOD placed Adam in the Garden of Eden. There were two unique trees in the Garden of Eden, one good, and one evil (Genesis 2:9). "And the LORD GOD commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden

thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17).

More than anything, GOD wants to be believed. The greatest sin of all is to doubt GOD.<sup>1</sup> The Bible talks much about Satan, the devil. The devil does everything in his power to distract you from serving GOD and to get you to doubt GOD.<sup>2</sup> It is also written that Satan, the devil, deceiveth the whole world (Revelation 12:9).<sup>3</sup> Satan does a good job of this doubting business. Just think—he has deceived the whole world. He sits on a telephone wire laughing and clapping his hands at the stupidity of humanity.

Genesis 3:4-5 states, "And the serpent [the devil] said unto the woman [Eve], Ye shall not surely die [he does the same thing to you]:

For GOD doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." In other words, he means, don't believe GOD. Believe in me or yourselves, believe the scientists, believe the government, believe the media. Satan says you can believe in anybody—just don't believe GOD! However, GOD says you are saved by faith in what HE says, and by doubting what HE says, you are damned. JESUS said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Believe what? Believe what GOD says, not what Satan or anybody else says.<sup>4</sup>

So, GOD had to create another race of people. HE created a people to believe in HIM, a new creation who would not believe Satan. HE

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<sup>1</sup> Mark 9:19, 16:16, Luke 8:12, Rom. 11:19-21, 2 Thes. 2:12, 1 Tim. 4:1-3, Titus 1:15-16, Heb. 3:12-13, 17-19, 4:6-11, Rev. 21:7-8    <sup>2</sup> Luke 8:4-15, John 8:44, 2 Cor. 4:3-4, 11:13-15, 2 Thes. 2:3-12, 2 Tim. 2:24-26, 1 Pet. 5:8-9, Jude 5-7    <sup>3</sup> Gen. 3:1-6, Isa. 14:9-17, John 8:44, 2 Cor. 4:3-4, 11:13-15, 2 Thes. 2:3-12, Rev. 2:9, 12:9, 13:1-8, 11-18, 16:13-14, 17:8, 19:19-21, 20:1-3, 7-10    <sup>4</sup> Eph. 4:27, James 4:7, 1 Pet. 5:8-9

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had Satan thrown out of Heaven unto the earth.<sup>5</sup> He sinned; he tried to usurp the authority of GOD in Heaven (Isaiah 14:12-15). Satan deceived one-third of the angels in Heaven who were also cast down to earth with him (Revelation 12:4, 9).<sup>6</sup> He thought after doing this that it would be much easier to deceive the people in the world made out of dirt, as he did with the first two humans (Genesis 3:1-13).

GOD will have HIS way in the whirlwind (Nahum 1:3). To show HIS power, GOD created a new race of people out of dirt, people who were former sinners, to make their stand before the god of this earth, who is the devil (2 Corinthians 4:4).<sup>7</sup> This would give great glory to GOD and really put Satan down. The human flesh which GOD created from dirt would be a spiritual nation and make a strong stand before this world's insane maniacs, and say to them, "GOD said it, I believe it, and that settles it!"

GOD will never be discouraged. HE will be victorious. HE created a new race of people that would believe and follow HIM who is the WORD of GOD. "In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was GOD... And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14). Everything was created by the WORD.<sup>8</sup>

The first Adam failed GOD miserably, so GOD sent a second Adam into the world which was CHRIST HIMSELF (1 Corinthians 15:45-47). Adam's bride came out of his body; the second Adam's bride came out of HIS (CHRIST'S) body. The second Adam is JESUS, the WORD of GOD (1 Corinthians 15:45-47).

Down through the ages, we can clearly see the two nations of people, the believers and the doubters. The first Adam, the flesh, is not regenerated, not born of the SPIRIT, and not SPIRITUAL (1 Corinthians 2:11-14). The second Adam, the second body, the bride of CHRIST, the temple of GOD, the church, is totally SPIRITUAL by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD dwelling within.<sup>9</sup>

Romans 12:3 states, "For I say, through the power 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." So, we were all created with the measure of faith within us.

The WORD of GOD shows us that one sinner in the body is like having a cancer in the body. The whole body becomes contaminated.<sup>10</sup> So the new creation, the new Adam, must be completely holy. An example of this is seen when ten men from ten different tribes of the twelve tribes of Israel sinned by discouraging the whole population of Israel from entering into the Promised Land (Numbers 13:17-33). They caused the entire nation of Israel to doubt GOD, even after they had seen GOD destroy Egypt with ten plagues, open the Red Sea, and allow them all to walk through it on dry ground. After they reached the other side, GOD allowed the Red Sea to collapse on the entire Egyptian army, drowning them all (Exodus 14:21-30).

In the wilderness, GOD provided water out of a rock for approximately three million people and all of their cattle (Numbers 20:7-11).<sup>11</sup> HE fed them manna, angel's food from Heaven, that filled them all (Exodus 16:14-26), and still, they doubted that GOD would be able to destroy the giants and deliver them successfully

into the land GOD promised them. Their doubting angered GOD to the point where HE made them wander in the wilderness for forty years (Numbers 14:22-35). The sin of those ten men doubting GOD caused the entire nation of old-timers to be cursed for forty years and die in the desert (Numbers 32:13). The younger people lived to enter the land of Israel.

These scriptures and many other scriptures prove that one sinner does much harm to the entire SPIRITUAL body of the second Adam, and that every sinner must be put out of the camp or all the nation will be cursed. Ecclesiastes 9:18 states, "Wisdom [the fear of the LORD<sup>12</sup>] is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good." The entire body of Israel suffered forty years because ten men caused Israel to doubt. The whole body of young Israel, including Moses, Caleb, Joshua, and all the innocent believers, had seen and lived through the curse these ten men caused. So even the children, the entire body of young Israel, feared GOD, except for one man who troubled Israel. His name was Achan. Achan troubled the entire purged nation of Israel and caused several members of the body of Israel to be killed (Joshua 7:5-12).

GOD commanded Joshua: "And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD" (Joshua 6:18-19).

Achan didn't believe GOD. He, like Eve, believed GOD was a liar, and was sure that he wouldn't be caught or cursed, so he took some of the accursed things and hid them in his tent (Joshua

5 Isa. 14:9-20, Ezek. 28:11-19, Luke 10:18, Rev. 12:3-9, 13 6 2 Pet. 2:4, Jude 6 7 Jer. 31:31-34, Rom. 7:4-6, 2 Cor. 6:14-18, Eph. 2:4-22, Titus 2:14, Heb. 8:8-10, 1 Pet. 2:9-10, Rev. 1:5-6 8 Gen. chap. 1, Eph. 3:9, Col. 1:12-17 9 Acts 4:31-33, Rom. 8:1-17, 1 Cor. 15:44-49, Eph. 2:18-22, 3:16, 4:21-24, 1 John 3:24 10 1 Cor. 12:24-26, Gal. 5:9 11 Ex. 17:5-6, Deut. 8:15, Neh. 9:15 12 Job 28:28, Psa. 25:14, 111:10, Prov. 1:7, 2:1-7, 9:10, 14:26-27, 15:33, 16:6, 19:23, Isa. 8:13-14, 33:6



7:1, 11, 19-22). GOD sees every move that we make, and HE knows every thought that we think.<sup>13</sup> Nothing is hid from “the eyes of HIM with whom we have to do” (Hebrews 4:13). GOD showed Joshua who had done this evil deed, that it was indeed Achan.

Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD GOD of Israel, and make confession unto HIM; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD GOD of Israel, and thus and thus have I done” (Joshua 7:19-20). “And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of HIS anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day” (Joshua 7:25-26).

In the first four chapters of the book of Acts, we see the birth of the true church of GOD, the church that is filled with the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD. There is only one CHURCH, one body of CHRIST, and only one SPIRIT that means anything at all. These people were one body because they were all of and in one SPIRIT (Acts 2:1, 4:32).

In chapter five of the book of Acts, Ananias and Sapphira lied to the HOLY SPIRIT, and GOD caused both of them to drop dead (Acts 5:1-10). Satan wanted to trouble the entire body of CHRIST, the newly formed church of GOD, using Ananias and

Sapphira. They lied to the entire congregation, which was filled with the HOLY SPIRIT, saying that they, like everyone else, had donated everything they had to the church, including all of the money that they had gained from selling their property. In truth, they held some of the money back.

My assumption is that possibly because of the great persecution which had befallen the church, scattering the church's members, these individuals began to believe they were leaders, that they might be put in the position of leadership, not followers any longer. All donations of money were to be laid at the Apostles' feet, with nothing held back (Acts 4:34-37). If anything was held back, they were to say so. Instead, Ananias and Sapphira lied to the HOLY SPIRIT. At this time, the LORD knew all the people of the holy church were not fully knowledgeable as to how to handle this type of situation (members lying to the HOLY SPIRIT), so GOD took the matter into HIS own hands, causing both of them to drop dead. GOD wasn't going to allow the devil to destroy the body of CHRIST with anything that is sin.

Romans 12:4 states, “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office.” Office means a service done for another, which means that we, as one body, are to assist or service one another in the HOLY SPIRIT, spiritually, keeping our bodies in unity with the WORD of GOD so that we may all enter Heaven. We are not to hate our brother in the LORD because hating our brother in the LORD without a cause is the same as murder (1 John 3:15), and no murderer shall enter the kingdom of GOD (Revelation 21:8, 22:15). We are not to lie to our brother or sister in the LORD because by doing this, we lie to the HOLY SPIRIT. It is the same as in Acts chapter five. This is why the SPIRIT says, “A little leaven [sin] leavens the whole lump” (Galatians 5:9), meaning a little sin causes the

whole body of CHRIST to be filled with sin. A little sin in the church troubles the entire church, troubles all of Israel. Romans 12:5 states, “So we, being many, are one body in CHRIST, and every one members one of another.”

Paul, talking to the body of CHRIST in First Corinthians, chapter twelve, is not talking to unsaved people, people not in the one body of CHRIST. Paul states in verses one through seven, “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the SPIRIT of GOD calleth JESUS accursed: and that no man can say that JESUS is the LORD, but by the HOLY SPIRIT. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same SPIRIT. And there are differences of administrations, but the same LORD. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same GOD which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the SPIRIT is given to every man to profit withal.”

Revelation 1:5-6 states, “And from JESUS CHRIST, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the PRINCE of the kings of the earth. Unto HIM that loved us, and washed us from our sins in HIS own blood, And hath made us [THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE WHOLE NATION of] kings and priests unto GOD and HIS FATHER; to HIM be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

First Corinthians 12:12 states, “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.” If one member of your body has cancer, does it trouble the rest of your body? Yes, it does! And if there is sin in the church, does it trouble the whole church? Yes, it does!

Read the whole Bible, and follow what it says so you may be a member

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<sup>13</sup> 1 Sam. 16:7, 2 Chron. 16:9, Job 34:21, Psa. 44:21, 139:3-12, 147:4-5, Isa. 46:9-10, Jer. 1:4-5, 23:23-24, 32:18-19, Amos 9:1-3, Matt. 6:31-32, 10:26, 12:36, 25:31-46, Luke 8:17, 12:2, Rom. 2:3-6, 1 John 3:20, Jude 14-15



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of the one body of CHRIST, the church, the bride of CHRIST, the New Jerusalem. Believe the KJV Bible and repent of your sins now by saying this prayer:

**My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.<sup>14</sup> I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.<sup>15</sup> I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.<sup>16</sup> I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,<sup>17</sup> and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.<sup>18</sup> I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.<sup>19</sup> Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.<sup>20</sup> YOU will not turn me away, LORD JESUS; YOU will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because YOUR WORD, the Bible, says so.<sup>21</sup> YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.<sup>22</sup> Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me,**

**and I know that I am saved.<sup>23</sup> And I thank YOU, LORD JESUS, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as YOU command and sin no more.<sup>24</sup>**

After salvation, JESUS said we are to be baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT.<sup>25</sup> Then study the King James Version Bible, and, for your benefit and the benefit of others, do what it says.<sup>26</sup>

CHRIST and GOD the FATHER now live in you through the HOLY SPIRIT. There is a way you can receive a fuller portion of the divine nature of GOD in you. The more the divine nature of GOD lives in you, the more you will be able to stand against the temptations that have so easily moved so many millions of Christians away from salvation. Pray for the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT.<sup>27</sup> For instructions on how to receive the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT and to receive more of GOD'S holy nature, ask for our literature or call. For without holiness, no man shall see GOD (Hebrews 12:14).

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If you want the world saved, as JESUS commands, then don't rob GOD of HIS tithes and offerings. GOD said, "Will a man rob GOD? Yet ye have robbed ME. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed THEE? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed ME, even this whole nation [and this whole world]. Bring ye all the tithes [a 'tithe' is 10% of your gross income] into the storehouse, that there may be meat [Spiritual food] in MINE house [souls saved], and prove ME now herewith, saith the LORD of HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of HOSTS. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of HOSTS" (Malachi 3:8-12).

14 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 15 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 16 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 17 Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 15:3-7 18 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 19 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 20 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 21 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 22 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 23 Heb. 11:6 24 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14 25 Matt. 28:18-20, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 19:3-5 26 Deut. 4:29, 13:4, 26:16, Josh. 1:8, 22:5, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Rev. 3:18 27 Isa. 28:11-12, Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16, 11:9-13, John 1:29-34, 7:37-39, 14:15-29, 15:26, 16:7-14, Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-18, 32-39, 5:29-32, 19:1-7, Rom. 5:3-5, 15:13

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