

YOU ARE A MEMBER OF HIS BODY

SEMINAR 2020 | IDENTITY CRISIS | SESSION 7

*“So we, being many, are one body in Christ,
and every one members one of another.” - Romans 12:5*

1. God's Builders Suffering an Identity Crisis

- a. God is building a house – Eph 2:19-22, Eph 6:10
- b. The house has two parts – Eph 1:10 & 3:15, Col 1:20
- c. Same foundation, two ways of building, it matters how you build – 1Cor 3:10-12, Rom 15:20
- d. If we think we are something else God is building, we will...
 - i. Expect Him to do something else in us
 - ii. Think and behave differently from the scripture – 1Cor 15:33

2. New Creature ≠ New Covenant/Testament

- a. The battle ground for identity confusion in the church is MMLJ/Acts & Heb-Rev
- b. Everybody teaches the church today = body of Christ – 1Cor 12:12-27, Col 1:24, Eph 1:22-23
- c. But not New Testament/Covenant belongs ONLY to Israel – Rom 9:3-5, Heb 8:6-9:1 & 9:12-18
- d. The body of Christ is not part of Israel, but something new – Eph 2:15, Gal 6:15, 2Cor 5:17
- e. Body members have a different identity than citizens:
- f. Your identity as a member of the body of Christ is found only in Paul's 13 epistles

3. Identifying Ourselves and Others as Members of Christ's Body and One of Another

- a. God's builders are also the building – 1Cor 3:9
- b. Not only members of Christ's body, but members one of another – Rom 12:5, Col 2:19
- c. God gives the increase, but how? – 1Thes 2:13, yes, but greatest is Phi 2:2-8, 1Cor 13:13
- d. Your identity as a member of Christ's body is that it's not about you – 1Cor 15:51, Gal 2:20
- e. Having the mind of Christ toward others is a different identity orientation

4. Member of the Body = Steward of the Mysteries

- a. Members of the body of Christ have a holy calling & vocation – 2Tim 1:9, Eph 4:1
 - i. To be stewards of the mysteries – 1Cor 4:1-2
- b. Stewards are called to be faithful to Christ's 1) doctrine and 2) people
- c. Living a life understanding your identity in this way will change your priorities and your relationships in way that can only bring glory to God – Eph 4:14-16

New Creature Body Members		New Covenant/Testament Citizens	
Present possession of salvation	Rom 5:11	Salvation yet future	1Pet 1:7,9,11,13
All sins already forgiven	Col 2:13	Confessing every sin	Heb 10:26-27
All spiritual blessings	Eph 1:3	Behavior determines blessing	1John 3:22
Hope in heavenly places	Eph 2:6	Hope on the earth	Heb 13:14
Glory in infirmities	2Cor 12:9	Praying for a healing	James 5:16
Not tied to anything on earth	Gal 6:14	Kingdom building	Mat 5:5
Complete in Christ	Col 2:10	Need special gifts & anointing	Heb 6:4-6
More than conquerors	Rom 8:37	Still waiting to conquer	2Pet 3:14