

# THE VALUES

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The Word of God admonishes us to "...speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among [us]. [We] must be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. We embrace and observe these five values that serve to unite us with other believers in the Body of Christ.

### **1Corinthians 1:10**

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

### **Philippians 2:2**

Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

### **1Peter 3:8**

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

## **Value 1: The Lordship of Jesus Christ**

We value Jesus Christ as the sole authority over His ekklesia and each member in it. Only He can build His Ekklesia. He is the only head of the ekklesia. He is Lord. There is no authority in earth above Him. We submit solely to His Word and seek to obey Him without question.

### **Acts 2:36**

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. (KJV)

### **1Corinthians 8:6**

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. (KJV)

### **Ephesians 1:22**

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the ekklesia, (KJV)

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## Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the ekklesia: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. (KJV)

## Philippians 2:10-11

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (KJV)

## Value 2: The Priesthood of Every Believer

We value every member of the Body of Christ and honor them in high esteem. Every believer is a king and priest and have been given a measure of rule by the Lord Jesus Christ. Every believer is created in the image of God and have been given the same spiritual equality in Christ Jesus.

## Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (KJV)

## Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (KJV)

## Romans 10:12

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (KJV)

## Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (KJV)

## Colossians 3:11

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. (KJV)

## 1 Peter 2:9

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But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (KJV)

### **Revelation 1:6**

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

### **Revelation 5:10**

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (KJV)

### **Value 3: The Holy Spirit – His Acts and His Gifts**

We value the Holy Spirit and His work in our Lord's Ekklesia. We value His spiritual, grace and ministry gifts and their active, present day manifestation. All gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to build, encourage, strengthen, edify, and multiply individual believers and the Body of Christ as a whole.

### **John 14:26**

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (KJV)

### **Acts 1:8**

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (KJV)

### **Romans 12:6-18**

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;

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in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. (KJV)

### **1Corinthians 12:7-11**

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. (KJV)

### **Ephesians 4:7, 11-12**

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. (KJV)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (KJV)

### **1Peter 4:10**

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (KJV)

### **Value 4: Growing Through Covenant Relationships**

We value growing spiritually and numerically. A vibrant living ekklesia will always grow. We grow by discipling one another to be conformed to the image of Christ. We grow as we gather with other believers one or more times each week to edify, exhort and comfort one another.

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We grow when we gather with the whole ekklesia to be encouraged and strengthened.

### **Luke 14:27**

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. (KJV)

### **Acts 2:46**

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, (KJV)

### **Acts 6:7**

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. (KJV)

### **Romans 16:23**

Gaius mine host, and of the whole ekklesia, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother. (KJV)

### **Hebrews 10:24-25**

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (KJV)

## **Value 5: No One Lacks Among Us**

We value meeting the needs of every believer among us to keep the Body of Christ strong and vibrant. We give freely and liberally to insure that everyone among us has all the spiritual, material and financial resources needed to fulfill their calling, purpose and ministry.

### **Deuteronomy 15:4**

Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it: (KJV)

### **Acts 2:45**

And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. (KJV)

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## Acts 4:34

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, (KJV)

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; (KJV)

## Galatians 6:10

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (KJV)