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Topic: The Unity of the Church  
Text: Romans 12:4-5

1. Our lives have been bought by the precious blood of Christ and must now be given wholly to the Lord. This is a call for every Christian to be transformed from our deprived humanity and conformed to live for God. This transformed Christian life is not to be lived privately, but in communion with other believers in church.
2. **The Unity of the body of Christ (v4)** The Christian church is an organic unit formed out of diversity. Christians are not clones of one another but there are many different members in one body. It is wrong to think that certain people are optional or less important. If God has made you part of the body of Christ, then there is a role for you to play in that body.
3. **The Centrality of Christ (5a)** The unity that the Church can have must only be in Christ. Many churches compromise the biblical doctrine of Christ in order to gain unity with false believers and sinners, but such unity is false. The biblical way to maintain unity is through separation and Church discipline.
4. **The Mutuality of the members of the body (v5b)** Man's designs are often modular, but God's creation is harmonious. The parts of body are joined together such that every part is dependent on each other. We are called to help and love our fellow members.

*You and I have a part to play in the body of Christ.  
Do everything out of love for Christ, who is the Head of the body.*