

The Church To Stick To

(1) **EPH. 1:22-23** ... *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.* How many WRONG ways do we use the word CHURCH?

(2) Read **1 CORINTHIANS 12** .. given that the church is the BODY OF CHRIST what is Paul stressing here as the reasons for us to STICK together?

As we start a new year what needs do you see in our BODY LIFE and where do you think you can help?

(3) Read **1 PETER 2:1-12** .. the metaphor changes from BODY to BUILDING ("SPIRITUAL HOUSE" taking up some OT imagery) but it is clear we as a body/church we have to work at some things. What are they? What are we called on to do as :

- Individuals

- the body (chosen people)

Staying Sticky

(4) Read **HEBREWS 10:24-25 ; 1 CORINTHIANS 14:3-4 & 26 ACTS 2:42-47**

Hopefully we see that church is more than JUST an EVENT .. a meeting BUT what do we learn from these verses some important reasons for gathering .. write them out below

We meet to

(5) Although things are different for us as a church from the events of the 1st Century, how can and should maintain the principles in these verses. Do you think that happens at our gatherings on Sunday morning etc? What do you think would ENHANCE our meeting together?

A few things we need to do to stay sticky

1. Stick to the Bible

(6) Read **EPHESIANS 1:17-21** ... 4 things Paul is praying for

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(7) As we start a new year we need to keep encouraging each other to read the Bible to gain God's wisdom and understanding .. share together briefly some of the things you've found helpful to keep you Bible reading FRESH