HELEN SANDERS 4-1-2024 BALANCE

In the natural body balance is important. When a person's body is off balance, it often causes them to stumble and fall because they lose control of their own body. Their walk is hindered because they know they may trip or fall. This imbalance can be caused by the loss of a limb or from a disease like a stroke.

In the body of Christ, (which each Christian is a part of), balance is an absolute necessity. We read in 1 Corinthians 12:12, *"For as the body is one (body of Christ) and hath many members (each of us that are born again), and all the members of that one body, being many are one body: so also is Christ."* 

We cannot all be the same part because if we were we would be out of balance. 1 Corinthians 12:15-17 helps us understand this where it says, *"If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were any eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?"* 

Each of us plays a part in bringing balance to the body of Christ. We should not try to be a part that God did not design us to be. We are not all the same!

Like a fine-tuned orchestra, each of us plays our own part, but together we bring forth a beautiful sound. But, if that orchestra has one of its instruments out of tune, then it causes the whole orchestra to sound bad.

When we find our place, whatever that place may be, we must remember 1 Corinthians 12:18 which says, **"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."** 

God knows the place that is best for each of us. As we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, we will know where we fit. When we are in our proper place then we bring balance to the entire body. That is when we operate as the body of Christ the way that God intended us to.