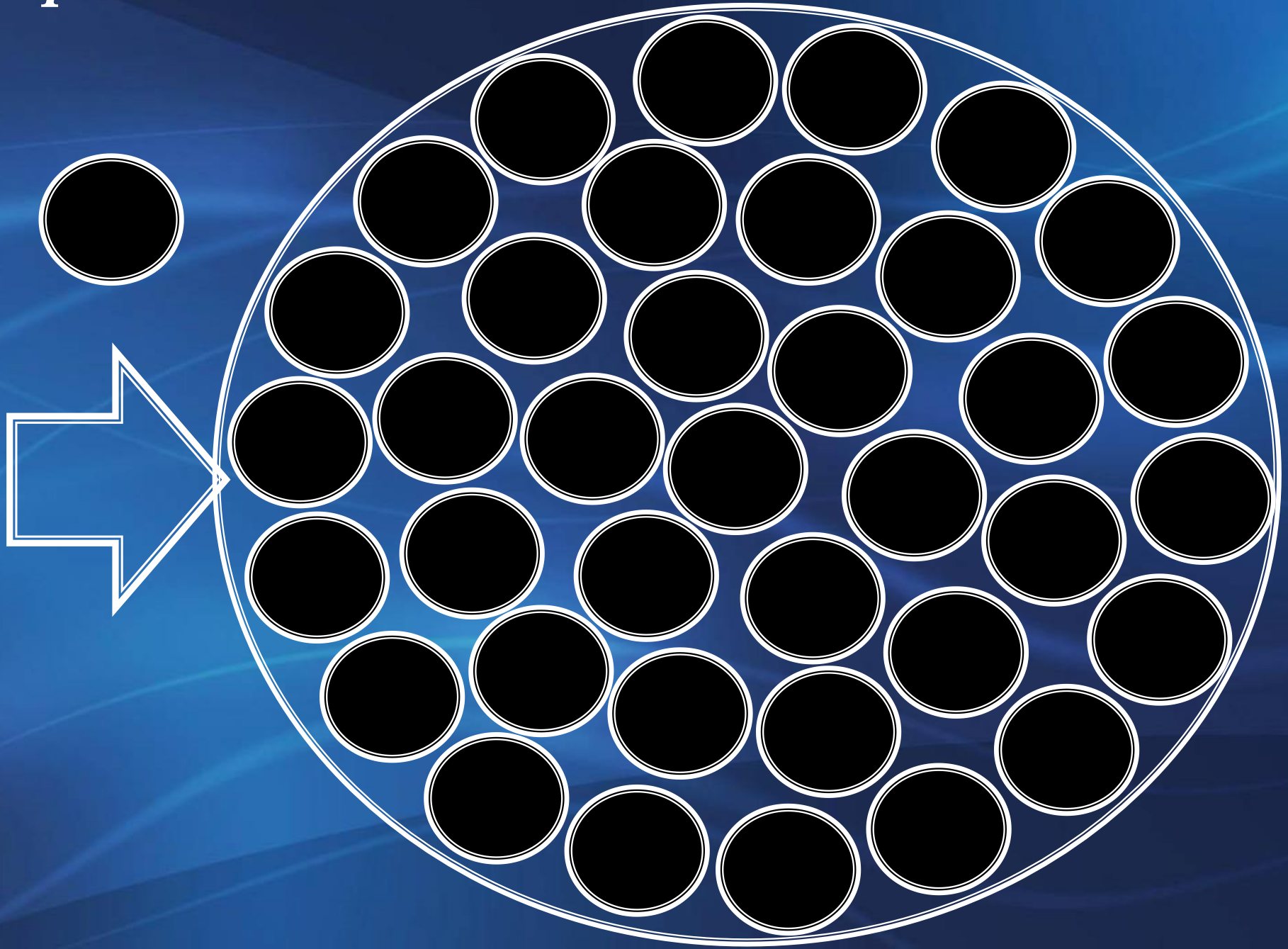


# Before and After

5 even when **we were dead in trespasses**, made us **alive together with Christ**... 10 For we are **His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus** for good works ... 11 Therefore remember, you, once Gentiles in the flesh that **at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God** ... 13 But **Now in Christ Jesus** you who **once were far off** have been **brought near by the blood of Christ**. Eph. 2:1-13

For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put **on Christ**.... 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are **Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise**. ... 4:28 Now **we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise**. Gal. 3:27-29 4:28

# *Baptized into Christ Put on Christ—Individuals*

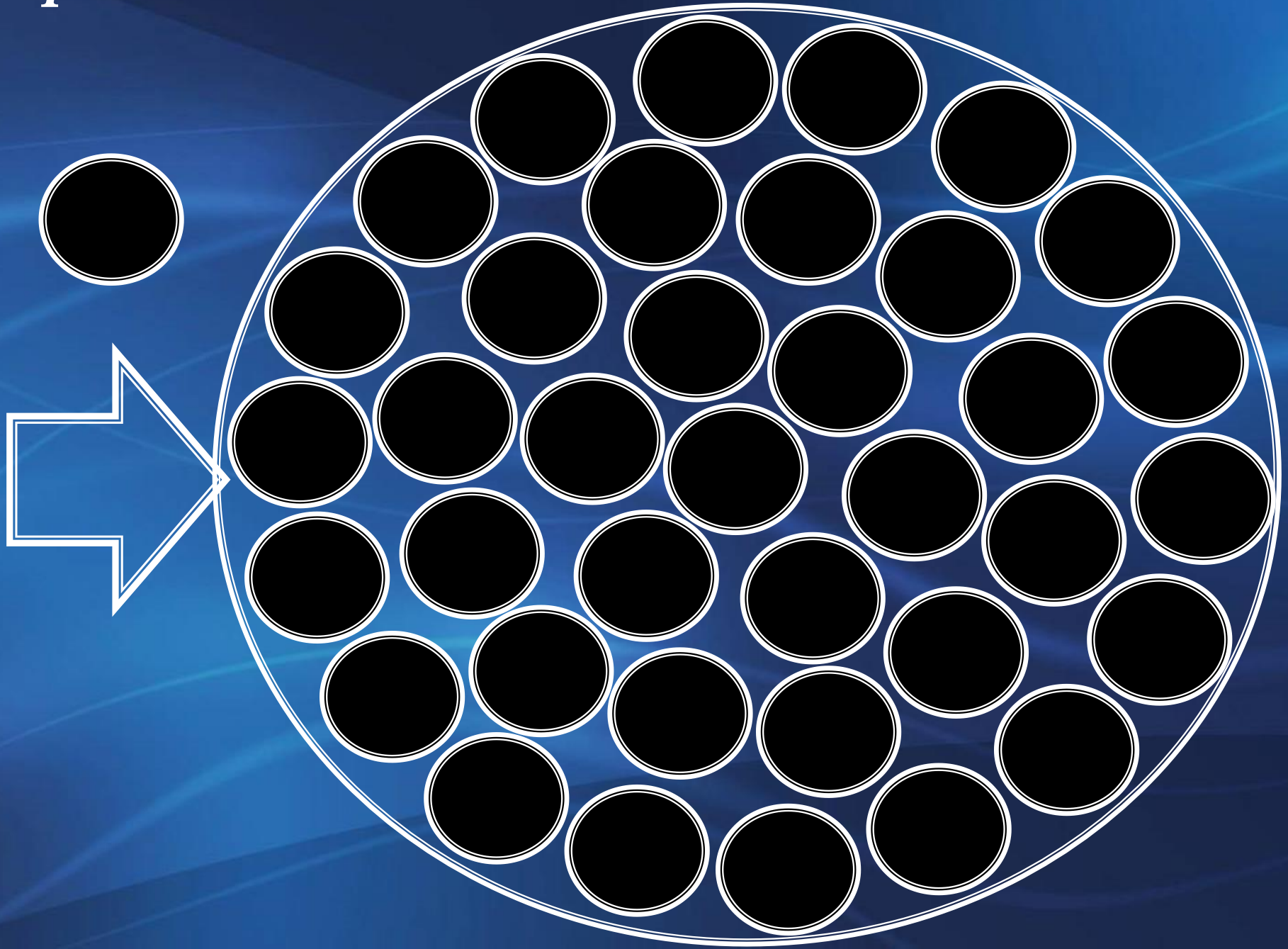


# A Member of the Body (church) of Christ

- *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens with the saints** and **members of the household of God**, 20 having been **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, **grows into a holy temple in the Lord**, 22 in whom **you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit**. Eph. 2:19-22*
- *For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body** — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is **not one member but many**. 1Cor. 12:13*



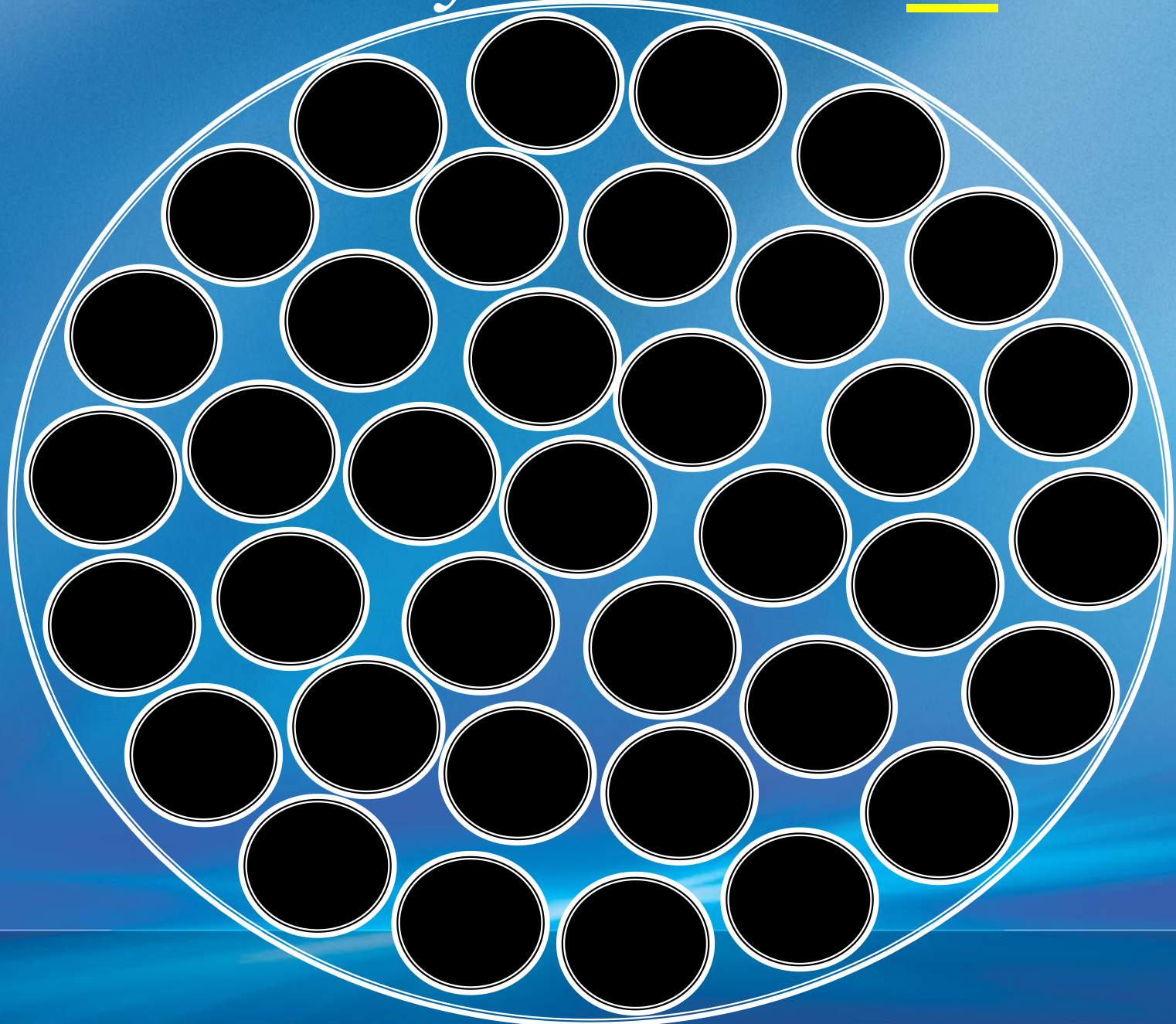
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# The churches of Christ Salute You

- Not only individuals but churches are in Christ.
- Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, *To the church of the Thessalonians* **IN GOD the Father and THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: 1Th. 1:1**
- For you, brethren, became imitators of **THE CHURCHES OF GOD which ARE IN JUDEA IN CHRIST JESUS**. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, 1Th. 2:14
- Paul, *To the churches of Galatia*: Gal. 1:1-2
- Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was unknown by face to **THE CHURCHES OF JUDEA WHICH WERE IN CHRIST**. Gal. 1:21-24

# *The One Body -- churches IN Christ*





# We work in a Local Church

*The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder ... 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, ... over those entrusted to you, 1Pet. 5:1-2*

*"What you see, write in a book and send it to **the seven churches which are in Asia**: ... I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned **I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man**, things which will take place after this. 20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and **the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.** Rev 1:12-20*

# *Jesus Christ – Chief Shepherd*



## *Churches of Christ / Churches in Christ*

*One body – yet many churches (candlesticks)*

*elders*



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# Holly Street

- One of these churches is Holly Street.
- Like Ephesus it has a lampstand.
- Like the seven churches in Asia it too has works.
- These works will condemn or commend us.
- These works reveal our diligence or sloth
- End in well done good and faithful servants
- Or ... I never knew you ... Depart
- How does Jesus see this church?
- It all depends on each member.

# Members at Holly Street

- *speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ —** 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

*Eph. 4:15-16*

- *As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, **let him speak as the oracles of God.** If anyone **ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies,** that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, *1Pet. 4:10-11**

- *Doing our share? Ministering our gifts?*

# You are a member: Your gifts?

*For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or **ministry**, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhort, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

Rom. 12:4-8



# Good Works at Holly Street?

- *For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that **we should walk in them**. Eph 2:4*
- *purify for Himself His own special people, **zealous for good works**. Titus 2:14*
- *This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be **careful to maintain good works**. Titus 3:8*
- *And let our people also learn to **maintain good works**, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. Titus 3:14*

# Internal Good Works

- *Diligent to rightly divide the Word 2Tim 2:15*
- *Hearing these words and doing them. Mt. 5-7*
- *Putting off the old man and putting on the new. Eph. 4-5*
- *Adding on your part all diligence. 2Pet 1:3-11*
- *Seeking the things above. Col 3*
- *Giving body a living sacrifice. Rom. 12*
- *By reason of time ought to be teachers Heb. 5:12*
- *Senses exercised to discern good and evil. Heb. 5:14*

# External Good Works

- *Being ready always to give a reason 1Pet. 3:15*
- *Pray without ceasing 1Th 5:17*
- *Giving thanks always. Eph 5:20*
- *Not forsaking the assembling Heb 10:23-25*
- *Hospitable to one another without grumbling 1Pet. 4:9*
- *Giving with cheerfulness 1 Cor. 16:1; 2Cor. 9:7*
- *A cup of cold water. Mt 10:42*



# Is This Holly Street”

- *But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but **that the members should have the same care for one another.** 26 **And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.** 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members **individually.** 1Cor. 12:24-28*