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Thought For the Day

The body is a unit, though it is made up many parts, and though all the parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

How important are you?

How important are you to your local church.

How important are you to the Church of Christ?

As members of the body of Christ – the Church - we can be likened to pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. Each piece has protrusions and indentations. The protrusions can represent our strengths (gifts, talents, abilities), and the indentations can represent our weaknesses (faults, limitations, shortcomings, undeveloped areas). The beautiful thing is that the pieces complement one another and when joined together produce a beautiful whole.

Just as each piece of a puzzle is important, so each member of the body of Christ is important and each can and does minister to the other members of the body. And just as when one piece is missing from a puzzle, its absence is very obvious and damages the picture, so also is the whole weakened when we are absent from the body of Christ.

Each of us has the privilege of being a little part of God's big picture! Each of us contributes something to the total picture. Each of us matters to everyone else in the picture. Every other piece in the picture reaches its full potential only when we do our part to complete the picture. No one of us can miss without all the others being harmed. So, let's not shy away from being a piece because there's so much work to be done!

Thank you for my brothers and sisters in Christ. They help me to reach my full potential. Help me to do the same for them.