

New Year Harmony

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In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. Romans 12:5-6

At the Christmas concert a couple weeks ago I thought about how all the voices, the instruments, and the conductor all worked together in harmony to make beautiful sounds. The players of each musical instrument, the singers of each choral part, soloists, and conductor all had a place and a purpose and all were essential. And putting them all together the sound was phenomenal.

Each of us has a place in God's grand symphony. We pray "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." As Christians we each have a part to play in God's kingdom and all are essential. If we leave any part out the sound loses some of its beauty. Just knowing about God or how to live our lives is not the point. We need rather, to be caught up in the wonder of the kingdom and play our part.

In John 15:5 we read, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

If God is the center of our New Year it has potential for success. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable us to fulfill it. In the New Year we need to think about what part God has given us to play in this symphony of life.

God loves you and so do I!