


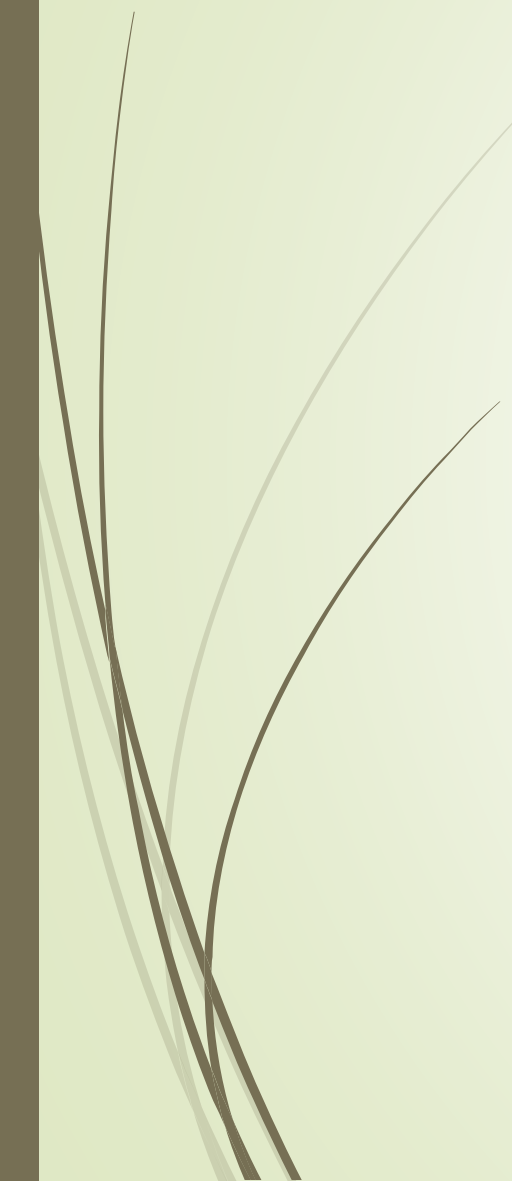


# The Ultimate Apologetic

*“ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL”*



**“All the members of a group support each of the individual members, and the individual members pledge support to the group.”**



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## HEBREWS 10:24-25

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love & good deeds,

<sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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<sup>4</sup> As you come to Him, the Living Stone—  
rejected by humans but chosen by God and  
precious to Him—<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones,  
are being built into a spiritual house to be a  
holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices  
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<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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<sup>11</sup> So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

<sup>12</sup> to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

<sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

<sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.

<sup>16</sup> From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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