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LIFE IN THE *Body*

1.

RESPOND:

WITH A ROBUST UNDERSTANDING OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

The Local Church

1. Represents Christ and His Kingdom on Earth

Gen 1:26-27 | Lk 17:20-21 | Acts 1:8 | Jn 17:20-23

2. Is the source of Livelihood for Believers

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 | Ephesians 2:11-22



2.



RESPOND:

KNOWING OUR WALK WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH IS MESSY

1. We are all **born sinners**
2. We will always fight the **Old Nature** as **New Creations**
3. We are saints "who sin in close proximity to other sinners"

Paul, "Bear with...and forgive one another."

Colossians 3:13-14



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RESPOND:

EMBRACING THE STANDARDS OF CHRIST

If a Member of the Covenant Community is **Unrepentant**:

1. We continue to **love** them
2. We recognize that **our relationship changes**
 - a. We are to treat them as unbelievers
 - b. We are to remove them from membership as a sign
 1. to the unrepentant person
 2. to other believers
 3. to the World **1 Cor 1:5-14 | Ti 3:10 | Mat 18:15-17**
 - c. We continue to "gently instruct" them **2 Tim 2:25-26**

4.



RESPOND:

WITH LOVE AND HUMILITY FOR THE GREATEST GOOD

"Do we need to agree on **everything**?"

I. Core Theology? **YES**

Ephesians 2:19-20 | 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

II. Method? **NO** (...and Yes)

Christians can disagree over the method...

...**but** method is essential to an effective local body



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RESPOND:
WITH REMEMBRANCE

1. There are **many ways** to do Church
2. You are on a **moving train** with a mission and methods
3. **No** church is perfect
4. No church will **operate identically** to MACC
5. Rebuke and correct sin, not **methodology**

6.



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THE LITMUS TEST

Jesus does **GODLY** things
The Flesh and Satan do **EVIL** things

TRUST and **SUSPICION**
Believing the best and believing the worst

RE-COMMIT ourselves to Robust Theology

- a. Personally
- b. Corporately
- c. Putting the old self to death, personally/corporately.



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RESPOND:
AS A MISSIONARY

Ephesians 6:10-20

13 "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."



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