

every individual believer in Him, in whatever ecclesiastical house they may dwell, or whether they dwell in any, or just worship the Son of God where no Church spire lifts its finger Godward, it may be well just to quote one or two passages from God's Word.

The Apostle Paul sends his first letter to the Corinthians thus: "Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, even them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, *With All That Call Upon the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ in Every Place*". (1 Cor. 1:2).

Every soul then that is "sanctified in Christ Jesus"; every one who "calls upon the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place", is part of that "Body" of Christ which embraces all His believing people. "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and *All* the members of the body, *Being Many*, are one body; so also is Christ.... Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof". (1 Cor. 12:12-27). "I would have you know, that the Head of *Every Man* is Christ". (1 Cor. 11:3). And He is "Head over all things to the Church, which is *His* body". (Eph. 1:22).

Thus, now under the likeness of a Vine and its Branches, and again under the relationship of the Head to the Body, is set forth that living oneness that binds Christ and His people together. So that "If one member suffer, all the members suffer with it"; and the pain that is felt anywhere in the body, also pierces the Head. That is why Jesus says to Saul, when he was persecuting the Christians,