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Sometimes it is hard to forgive. Why does God say we have to. It is not for the sake of the person you are forgiving but for you. When you hold a grudge, it lets you rot out from the inside. Anger and resentment builds. Our heart is supposed to stay clear to leave that space for the Holy Spirit. Christ said the new temple for God is US:

John 2:19-21

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¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

He is the temple, but who is the body of this church?

Romans 12:4-8

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⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give

generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

We are the new church of God. This is why wherever we meet we are in church. In the coffee shop, our living room, the park anywhere. This is where God is as well. We need to remember this when we try to follow Jesus. Remember we are walking around as part of the church. This is why He said to love everyone:

Matthew 22:36-40

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³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”^[a] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

If we love everyone, we can keep the laws easier. Alos when we do they see the light of God in us easier. To love everyone not just other Christians.

Walking with Christ in His Love,

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