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## Knit Together

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It is bitter cold outside, but warm and cozy within. I snuggle up peacefully on the couch with my crocheted afghan and a fire glowing in the fireplace. Years ago I learned to crochet and knit, to work the yarn together, many colors, different textures, old yarn, new yarn. The outcome usually was an afghan that brought beauty and warmth on a cold, blustery day.

The body of Christ is much the same. Paul said we are “*knit together in love*” (Colossians 2:2). What a beautiful thought! The church brings together people of many ages, colors, talents, personalities, and walks of life (1 Corinthians 12:12-14). The quiet listener is needed along with the cook, the artist, the teacher, the leader, the student, the seamstress, and on and on. Our differences are our strength. We are all woven together into a lovely creation.

One must wonder. What does it do to the church when we allow differences to unravel or divide us – young ones here, older ones there, rich ones here, less fortunate ones there, quiet ones here, and social ones there? God’s word reminds us, the body of Christ began with an incredible blending of rich and poor, Jew and Gentile (Acts 2 and 10). It was, and still is, one of the distinctive qualities of His body.

When the coldness of the world seems to be chilling our souls, our spiritual brothers and sisters give us warmth, strength, and hope. We combat Satan together. We laugh and cry together. We study and pray together. We worship God together. Ours is a unique bond, established with Jesus’ sacrifice and fashioned by God. We are truly *knit together in love*.

**Today’s Verse:** “*Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Romans 15:5-6

**Today’s Laugh:** Melanie (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember, you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

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