TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: I CORINTHIANS 12:1, 11-14, 31

"UNITY IN COMMUNITY"

DEFINITION: "COMMUNITY"

a social group of any size whose members...share common characteristics or interests and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respect from the larger society

SYNONYMS "COMMUNITY:"

~village; ~city; ~town or hamlet;

"TWO are better than one for they have good reward for their toil." Ecclesiastes 4:9

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: INWARD

#2: OUTWARD

#3: UPWARD

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: UNIQUE

#2: UNITY

#3: ULTIMATE

SERMONIC POINT:

#1: UNIQUE

We are all uniquely made in the image of GOD...

"For YOU formed my inward parts...I will praise YOU, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;"

Psalms 139:13-14

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant." I Corinthians 12:1

"But one and the same SPIRIT works all these things, distributing to each one individually as HE wills." I Corinthians 12:11

SERMONIC POINT:

#2: UNITY

Although diverse, GOD expects us to act in unity & unison... "For as the body is one ...has many members, but all the members of that one body ...are one body, so also is CHRIST."

I Corinthians 12:12

"For by one SPIRIT we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greeks...slaves or free...drink into one SPIRIT."

I Corinthians 12:13

"For in fact the body is not one member but many."

I Corinthians 12:14

SERMONIC POINT:

#3: ULTIMATE

There is a higher calling and way of being that GOD expects from us...

"But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way."

I Corinthians 12:31