

~LIGAMENTS (172)

[Greek, *syn-de'smon*]

- Strong bands of tissue that connect bones or support organs. Various modern Bible translations render the Greek word *syn-de'smon* a form of *syn'de-smos* at,
- Whereas he is not holding fast to the head, to the one from whom all the body, being supplied and harmoniously joined together by means of its joints and **ligaments**, goes on growing with the growth that God gives. (**Colossians 2:19**)
- As **ligaments**, **ED**, **NE**, **NW**, **RS**, while others translate it either as **sinews**, **Fn**, **Mo**, **uniting bands**, **Ro**, or merely **bands**, **AS**, **KJ**.
- *Syn'de-smos* means, **that which binds together, bond of union, fastening**, and is used with reference to sinews or ligaments. [A Greek-English Lexicon, by H. G. Liddell and R. Scott, revised by H. Jones, Oxford, 1968, p. 1701]
- This same Greek term is employed in the expressions, **bond of unrighteousness**.
- For I see you are a poisonous gall and a **bond of unrighteousness**. (**Acts of Apostles 8:23**)
- **Uniting bond of peace**.
- Earnestly endeavoring to observe the oneness of the spirit in **the uniting bond of peace**. (**Ephesians 4:3**)
- **Perfect bond of union**.
- But, besides all these things, clothe yourselves with love, for it is a **perfect bond of union**. (**Colossians 3:14**)
- In warning against the mock humility of one merely professing Christianity, Paul said; He is not holding fast to the head, to the one from whom all the body, being supplied and harmoniously joined together by means of its joints and **ligaments** *syn-de'smon*, goes on growing with the growth that God gives.

- Let no man deprive you of the prize who takes delight in a mock humility and a form of worship of the angels, taking his stand on the things he has seen, puffed up without proper cause by his fleshly frame of mind. (**Colossians 2:18**)
- Whereas he is not holding fast to the head, to the one from whom all the body, being supplied and harmoniously joined together by means of its joints and **ligaments**, goes on growing with the growth that God gives. (**Colossians 2:19**)
- Here the anointed Christian congregation is likened to a body having a head. The interdependence of its members is shown by the comment that it is harmoniously joined together by means of its joints and **ligaments**.
- Paul thus using **ligaments** metaphorically in connection with the spiritual body of Christ, having Jesus as its head. As the head, Jesus supplies the members of the body what they need through the joints and **ligaments**, the **means and arrangements for supplying spiritual nourishment, as well as communication and coordination**.
- For just as the body is one but has many members, and all the members of that body, although being many, are one body, so also is the Christ. (**1 Corinthians 12:12**)
- For truly by one spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink one spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:13**)
- For the body, indeed, is not one member, but many. (**1 Corinthians 12:14**)
- If the foot should say; Because I am not a hand, I am no part of the body, it is not for this reason no part of the body. (**1 Corinthians 12:15**)
- And if the ear should say; Because I am not an eye, I am no part of the body, it is not for this reason no part of the body. (**1 Corinthians 12:16**)
- If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If it were all hearing, where would the smelling be? (**1 Corinthians 12:17**)

- But now God has set the members in the body, each one of them, just as he pleased. (1 Corinthians 12:18)
- If they were all one member, where would the body be? (1 Corinthians 12:19)
- But now they are many members, yet one body. (1 Corinthians 12:20)
- The eye cannot say to the hand; I have no need of you, or, again, the head cannot say to the feet; I have no need of you. (1 Corinthians 12:21)
- But much rather is it the case that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. (1 Corinthians 12:22)
- And the parts of the body which we think to be less honorable, these we surround with more abundant honor, and so our unseemly parts have the more abundant comeliness. (1 Corinthians 12:23)
- Whereas our comely parts do not need anything. Nevertheless, God compounded the body, giving honor more abundant to the part which had a lack. (1 Corinthians 12:24)
- So that there should be no division in the body, but that its members should have the same care for one another. (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- And if one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it, or if a member is glorified, all the other members rejoice with it. (1 Corinthians 12:26)
- Now you are Christ's body, and members individually. (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- And God has set the respective ones in the congregation, first, apostles, second, prophets, third, teachers, then powerful works, then gifts of healings, helpful services, abilities to direct, different tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:28)
- Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? Not all are teachers, are they? Not all perform powerful works, do they? (1 Corinthians 12:29)

- **Not all have gifts of healings, do they? Not all speak in tongues, do they? Not all are translators, are they? (1 Corinthians 12:30)**
- **Remain in union with me, and I in union with you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it remains in the vine, in the same way neither can you, unless you remain in union with me. (John 15:4)**
- **I am the vine, you are the branches. He that remains in union with me, and I in union with him, this one bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing at all. (John 15:5)**
- **If anyone does not remain in union with me, he is cast out as a branch and is dried up, and men gather those branches up and pitch them into the fire and they are burned. (John 15:6)**
- **If you remain in union with me and my sayings remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will take place for you. (John 15:7)**
- **My Father is glorified in this, that you keep bearing much fruit and prove yourselves my disciples. (John 15:8)**
- **Just as the Father has loved me and I have loved you, remain in my love. (John 15:9)**
- **If you observe my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have observed the commandments of the Father and remain in his love. (John 15:10)**
- **In the literal human body every member has a part to play toward its smooth operation and growth, both in receiving nutriment and direction and in passing such on to other members of the body. Circumstances are similar in the case of the congregational body of Christ.**