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CORINTHIANS

CHRIST ALONE: TOGETHER



The Problem with Elevators

Paul continues to unpack for us how essential our being unified is to God. He describes how we can more fully experience and display God's love and grace, for our ever-increasing happiness, and for the good of those He desires to introduce to Jesus through us.

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