

The Church: DEFINED

WHO WE ARE VS.
WHO WE SHOULD BE

Welcome to the Team

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7, 11-12, 15-20, 27 (NIV)

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. 12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Notes

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

**LIVE LIKE JESUS,
LOVE LIKE JESUS...**



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every day*

Going Deeper

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Read 1 Corinthians 12. How many times does the word “body” appear in this chapter? How many times the word “one” is used? How many times is the word “many” used?

What is the main point of this chapter? Why do you think the person writing felt the need to write about this issue?

Read verse 7 again. How can you use your gifts “for the common good?” What is the point of verse 19? The writer is speaking metaphorically - where do you see this practically in our church?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

1 Corinthians 12:6-7 (NLT) - “God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”

TAKE A STEP:

Write out your skills, gifts, and passions, talk about them with a friend, or take a spiritual gift assessment. How are you using your skills, abilities, and resources to build Jesus’ church?

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All In, Together

GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget: \$10,187
Given February 5th: \$13,003
Difference: \$2,816

2023 Annual Budget: \$529,724
2023 Budget YTD: \$50,935
2023 Given YTD: \$36,978
Difference: (\$13,957)

BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC February 5th: \$2,246
BYC YTD: \$8,807
BYC Total Given: \$331,301

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