

Together: Study of 1 Corinthians
“Together as a Body”
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
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4 Truths about Being Together as a Body:

1. The Holy Spirit forms Believers into the Body of Christ.

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body — whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

◆Baptizō (bäp-tē'-zō): to immerse; to submerge

Clarifying Terms

Indwelling of the Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14):

1 time-residing presence of the Holy Spirit within the life of a believer

Filling of the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18):

The controlling & leading work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer

Baptism of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13):

Immersion of believers into the Body of Christ

**OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
IS PERSONAL BUT NOT PRIVATE.**

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2. Every Believer belongs in the Body of Christ.

¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not the 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?

IN THE CHURCH THERE IS UNITY FROM DIVERSITY.

3. Every Believer is equally important in the Body of Christ.

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. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

1 Corinthians 12:18-24

4. Every Believer is equally responsible for the health of the Body of Christ.

²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12:25-26

Discussion Questions

1. What was your take-away from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. How is the Church supposed to function?
3. How does the Holy Spirit make unity possible?
4. How would the way you treat other Christians, or spend your time and energy, change if you really viewed the church as a body? Be specific.
5. Do you tend to elevate or minimize your role within the church? How does Paul’s teaching in 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 challenge that?
6. What happens in your life when someone in PRCC is hurting?
 - ☐ Nothing, I go about life as usual.
 - ☐ I pray for them in my private devotional time.
 - ☐ I find ways to minister to them personally through phone calls, cards, texts, and other appropriate ways.
 - ☐ I contact them regularly in an effort to encourage healing.
 - ☐ Other: _____
7. What is one thing you can do this next week to strengthen the Body at PRCC? Be prepared to share this with your Group.