

In Search of Church: The Church is the Body of Christ

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1 Corinthians 12:12-20,25-28

12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be 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 cease to be 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 arranged 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. 21-24... 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. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1. THE BODY OF CHRIST IS ONE BODY WITH MANY PARTS

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

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Romans 12:5

... IN CHRIST we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

2. CHRIST'S HEART IS THAT WE BE ONE

John 17:20-21

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Psalms 133:1,3

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! 3... For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

3. NO PART IS MORE OR LESS SIGNIFICANT THAN ANOTHER

1 Corinthians 12:13

... we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:25

25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...