

The Body of Christ
1 Corinthians 12:12-28
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Vision: Rejoicing as people come to life in Christ.

Mission: Building relationships that lead to Gospel transformation.

"The Bible tells the truth about God. The four Gospels tell the truth about Jesus. We read the Bible together as God's people to hear God's Word to us. We will engage in the faithful interpretation of the Bible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We gladly hear the Word with open minds and full hearts. Together we will hear and do the Word from God as a faithful and obedient people. Amen."

~ Dr. Rodney Kennedy

This morning, the importance of God's Church, being a part of His Church and serving! Everyone, everyone has a part in God's Church.

Consider the bees. The queen bee lays eggs, the drones care for the queen, the nurse bees feed the baby bees, the worker bees go and get food and there are bees that guard the bee hive, while others cool it.

In our passage today there were divisions, fussing, and whining because some didn't think they or their gift was important or others' gifts were getting more attention than theirs.

The Church Is One Body with _____ Parts. (vs. 12-14)

Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Unbeliever – The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Believer – But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

1 Corinthians 12: 11

But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

1 Corinthians 12:18

The Churches Parts Are of _____ Importance (vs. 15-19)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:6-8

A few that Scripture speaks of include prophecy, serving, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy, wisdom, words of knowledge, faith and healing.

For in fact the body is not one member but many.

1 Corinthians 12:14

But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.

1 Corinthians 12:20

We all may have different gifts, but the same Lord. Imagine if we were all gifted exactly the same?

Softball team

The Church, To Function Biblically, Must Serve _____. (vs. 20-26)

When each person is serving the Lord and His Church, things not only get accomplished, but others are blessed as are you. Some rock babies, some teach, others sing, others cook, etc.

If every member used his/her gifts what would that look like?

The Church, Must Have as Its Mission, _____ Mission, To Love God and Love Others.

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” **Matthew 22:36-40**

The Church, Is Made Up of _____ and Selfish People and I Am One of Them and So Are You!

This is where Scripture reminds us to die to our self and our selfish desires.

The Church Needs Each _____.

I got a front row seat in this the last 3 weeks.

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. **1 Corinthians 12:26**

I need God and His Church:

To worship.

To be fed.

To serve.

For others.

Am I part of the Church as a:

Attender

Member

Server

Prayer Focus:

- Am I a Believer, have I trusted Christ?
- Am I connected to God's Church?
- Am I serving God and His Church?