Message Outline



The One Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

I. Introduction

II. The One Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (CSB)

12 For just as the body is one and has many parts,
and all the parts of that body, though many, are
one body — so also is Christ. 13 For we were all
baptized by (Or *with* or *in*) one Spirit into one
body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves
or free — and we were all given one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:14-20 (CSB)

14 Indeed, the body is not one part but many. 15 If
the foot should say, “Because I’m not a hand, I
don’t belong to the body,” it is not for that reason
any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should
say, “Because I’m not an eye, I don’t belong to the
body,” it is not for that reason any less a part of the
body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where
would the hearing be? If the whole body were an
ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as
it is, God has arranged each one of the parts in
the body just as he wanted. 19 And if they were all
the same part, where would the body be? 20 As it
is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Corinthians 12:21-26 (CSB)

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need
you!” Or again, the head can’t say to the feet, “I
don’t need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of
the body that are weaker are indispensable. 23
And those parts of the body that we consider less
honorable, we clothe these with greater honor, and

our unrespectable parts are treated with greater respect, [24] which our respectable parts do not need. Instead, God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the less honorable, [25] so that there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same concern for each other. [26] So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it..

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 (CSB)

[27] Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it. [28] And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, next miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, leading, various kinds of tongues. [29] Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all do miracles? [30] Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? [31] But desire the greater gifts. And I will show you an even better way.

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