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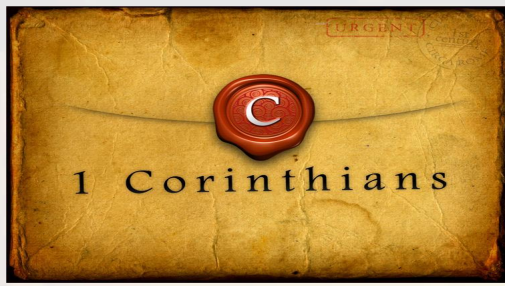
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1 Corinthians



The Apostle Paul's Mission to the Corinthians



Christ Bible Church

Adult Bible Class Calendar Fall 2023



| Date | | | Lesson Portion of 1 Corinthians |
|------|-----------|----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | September | 10 | Review & Preview |
| 2 | September | 17 | 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 |
| 3 | September | 24 | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 |
| 4 | October | 1 | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 |
| 5 | October | 8 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 |
| 6 | October | 15 | 1 Corinthians 12:21-31 |
| 7 | October | 22 | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 |
| 8 | October | 29 | 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 |
| 9 | November | 5 | 1 Corinthians 14:13-25 |
| 10 | November | 12 | 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 |
| 11 | November | 19 | 1 Corinthians 16:1-11 |
| 12 | November | 26 | 1 Corinthians 16:12-24 |



Concerning Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12-14



1 Corinthians 11-16

- I. Introduction (1:1-9).
- II. Response to Received Reliable Oral Reports from the Corinthians (1:10-6:20).
- III. Response to a Letter from the Corinthians (7:1-16:4)
 - A. Concerning Marriage and Related Questions (7:1-40).
 - B. Concerning Foods Sacrificed to Idols (8:1-11:1).
 - C. Concerning the Christian Assembly (11:2-34).
 - D. Concerning Spirituality & Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40).
 - 1. The Crucial Test: Jesus is Lord (12:1-3).
 - 2. The Diversity of Gifts within One Body (12:4-31).
 - a. Diversity in Unity (12:4-11).
 - b. Unity with Diversity (12:12-31a).
 - (1). One Spirit, One Body (12:12-13).
 - (2). One Body, Many Parts (12:14-26).
 - (3). One Body, Diverse Gifts (12:27-31a).
 - E. Concerning the Resurrection of the Body (15:1-58).
 - F. Concerning the Collection (16:1-4).
- IV. Conclusion (16:5-24).





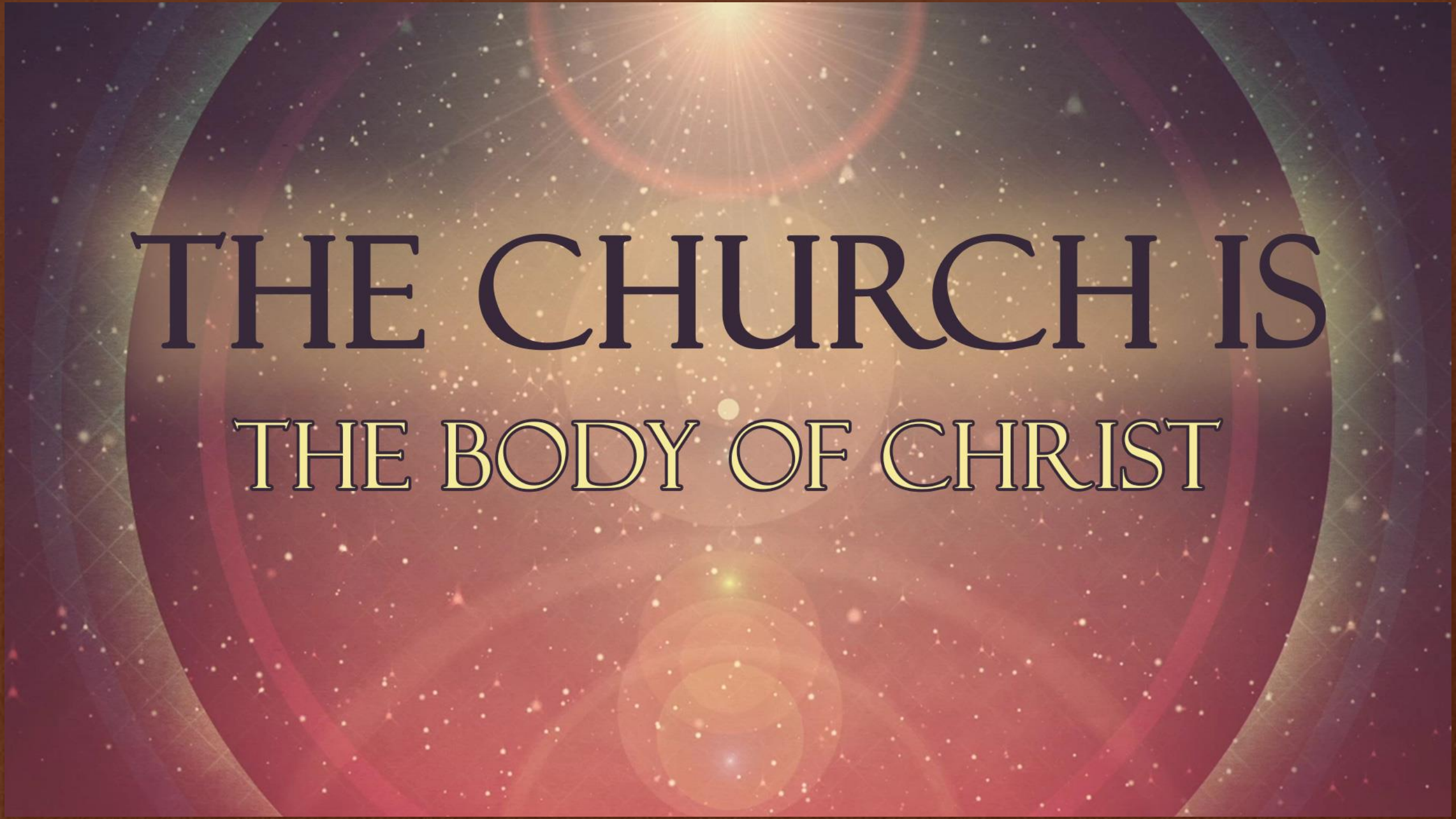
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Unity with Diversity (12:12-31a)

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THE CHURCH IS
THE BODY OF CHRIST

Body Imagery in 1 Corinthians

- **1 Corinthians 10:16-17**—“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”
- **1 Corinthians 11:24, 27, 29**—“This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ . . . Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. . . . For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.” 

Does Paul say the church is like a body?



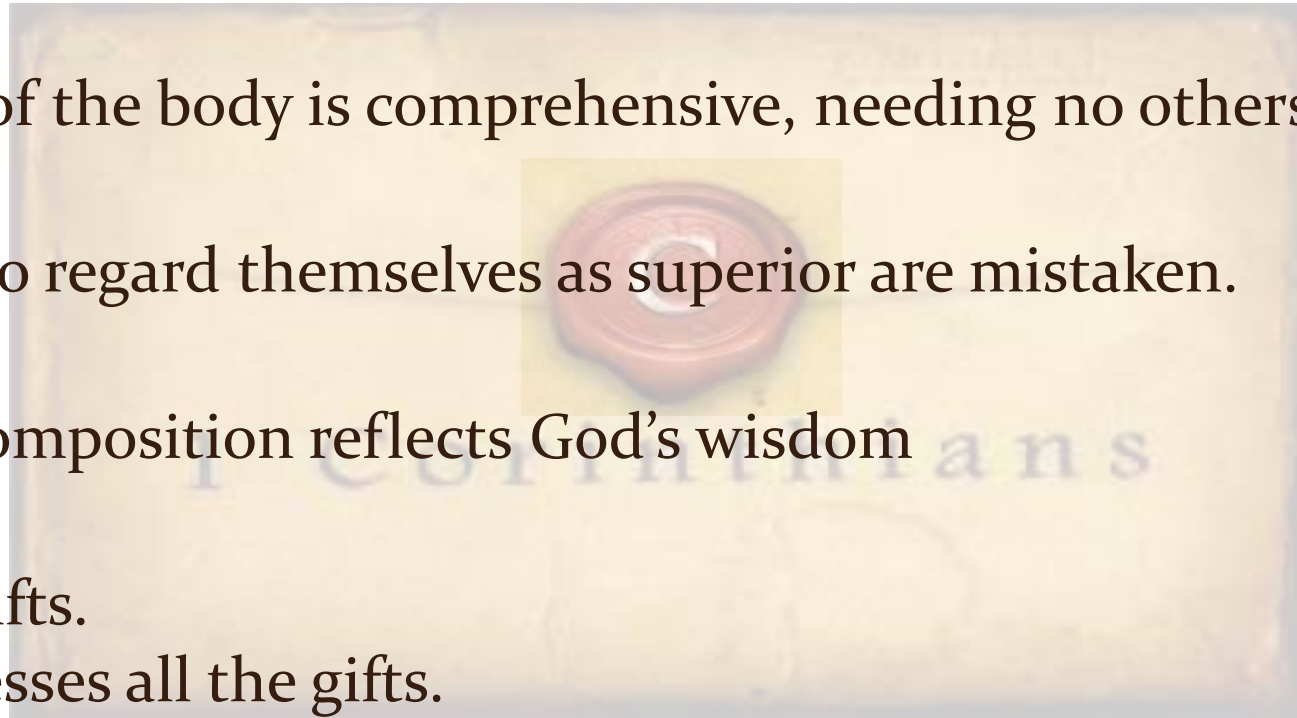
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**The United Body of Christ
Consists of Diverse Parts**

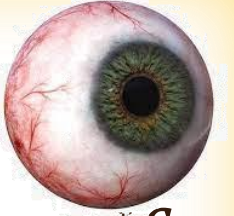
Unity Amidst Diversity

- 12:15-16
 - No member of the body lacks importance.
- 12:17-20
 - No member of the body is comprehensive, needing no others.
- 12:21-24a
 - Members who regard themselves as superior are mistaken.
- 12:24b-26.
 - The body's composition reflects God's wisdom
- 12:27-30
 - Ranking of gifts.
 - No one possesses all the gifts.
- 12:31a
 - Seek the greater gifts.





1 Corinthians 12:14-20



For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

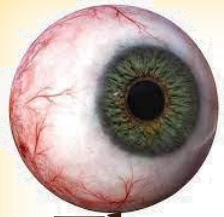




A Unified Body, Many Parts



- God designed the human body to function harmoniously.
- Lesser prominence does not mean less vital, or unimportant.
- Foot no less vital than the head despite its function.
- Verse 17, same point as in Romans 12:3.
- No single part equals the whole body.
- Public visibility is not the measure of a gift's importance.
- Think neither too highly nor too lowly of one's gift.
- Each part needs the other parts.
- God designed our bodies and Christ's body.



1 Corinthians 12:21-26



The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable, we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.



Christ's Body Is God-Designed

- No one is dispensable.
- No one is independent of others.
- God's creational designs are revelatory.
- Therefore, our designed bodies instruct us.
- Weaker, less honorable, or unpresentable parts.





Christ's Body Is God-Designed



Let's apply the text to the body of Christ.

- We are obligated to protect members from being dishonored: Some examples.
- Wisdom requires us to protect the dignity of fellow members.
- The wisdom of which Paul speaks is lost to our culture.



Application to Christ Bible Church

- Do we care for one another at CBC?
- Do we do well caring for one another?
- What are some benefits of a smaller church?
- When one hurts, do we all hurt?
- When one is honored, do we all rejoice?
- What do we need to avoid at Christ Bible Church in light of Paul's teaching on gifts?





Concerning Spiritual Gifts

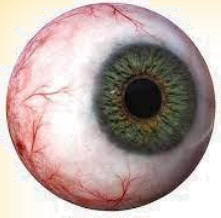
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1 Corinthians 12:27-31



Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way. 

Romans 12:4-5

For as in one body, we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, **so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.**



A Partial List of Spiritual Gifts

- 12:28—Paul lists varieties of gifts.



- First apostles.
 - Second prophets.
 - Third teachers.
- } Gifted Individuals

- Then miracles.
 - Healing.
 - Helping.
 - Administering
 - Various kinds of tongues.
- } Gifts



A Partial List of Spiritual Gifts

- 12:8-10—Paul lists varieties of gifts.
 - Utterance of wisdom.
 - Utterance of knowledge.
 - Faith.
 - Healing.
 - Working miracles.
 - Prophecy.
 - Speaking in tongues.
 - Interpretation of tongues.



Romans 12:6-8

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:


- if prophecy, in proportion to our faith
- if service, in our serving
- the one who teaches, in his teaching
- the one who exhorts, in his exhortation
- the one who contributes, in generosity
- the one who leads, with zeal
- the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.



Ephesians 4:11-13

And Christ gave

- the apostles
- the prophets
- the evangelists
- the pastors
- and teachers

to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. 

Paul's Concluding Admonition

But earnestly desire the greater gifts.



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