

THE BODY OF CHRIST (I Corinthians 12:12-26)

Paul pleads for unity of the Body of Christ, and gives us an example using the human body as a metaphor of how the Spiritual Gifts operate among the believers.

For as the body is one, and hath many members (body parts), and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ (I Corinthians 12:12).

The Holy Spirit has fitted us all together in one body: Jews and Gentiles; bond or free (I Corinthians 12:13).

We cannot all operate in the same part. It takes all of us finding our place and operating to the fullest extent in that area of ministry (I Corinthians 12:14-18). God has made every part of the Body of Christ, as He made every part of our human bodies, . . . *as it hath pleased Him* (I Corinthians 12:18). In other words He has made every part and has put it where He wants it. It would be easy for us to find a part we really want to be, and not seek Christ to find out what He wants. We will never fit into the part not designed for us. What a strange thing! If we were all the head, the body would look like a “freak.” There would be no body! (I Corinthians 12:19).

1. Who is the Head of the Body of Christ?
(Ephesians 4:15) _____

TWELFTH STUDY

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

DIVERSITIES OF GIFTS (I Corinthians 12:1-11)

1. Can a Christian brother or sister be ignorant about spiritual gifts? (I Corinthians 12:1)

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2. How does Paul describe the Corinthian believers before their salvation? (I Corinthians 12:2)

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3. What do you think Paul meant in I Corinthians 12:2 where he says, . . . *even as ye were led?*

Paul then says, . . . *Wherefore I give you to understand that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed (not fit to live on earth): and that no man can say (from the heart) that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Ghost* (I Corinthians 12:3; Matthew 16:17).

In our own experience of ministering deliverance, we have known those, in their demon possessed condition, who could not say, “Jesus is Lord.” Under the control of demons, their Lord was Satan. Most could not even say the Name of Jesus; and when they did say His name, they sounded like a child trying to talk for the first time.

After their deliverance they would call on Jesus for salvation, and reverently say, "Jesus is Lord."

Therefore, I assume this is why Paul made mention of this before he began to teach them on the gifts of the Spirit. He was pointing out to them they could not have spoken from their heart, "Jesus is Lord," in their condition of unrighteousness before their salvation. Only when the Holy Ghost came in to them could they speak by the Holy Ghost, and proclaim, "Jesus is Lord."

4. How many Holy Spirits exist? (I Corinthians 12:4,11) _____
5. For extra credit on your evaluation, What major revelation do we find In I Corinthians 12:4-6? _____ (See your teacher with your answer, and don't discuss it among yourselves)
6. There are diversities (or differences) of 3 things mentioned in I Corinthians 12:4-6. What are they?
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
7. Name the Nine Gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12:8-10).
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
 - (4) _____

- (5) _____
- (6) _____
- (7) _____
- (8) _____
- (9) _____

Revelation Gifts, are gifts that reveal something.

They are:

Word of Wisdom

Word of Knowledge

Discerning of Spirits

Power Gifts, are gifts that do something.

They are:

Gift of Faith

The Gifts of Healing

Working of Miracles

Utterance Gifts are gifts that say something.

They are:

Prophecy

Divers Kinds of Tongues

Interpretation of Tongues

8. How does the Holy Spirit distribute the Gifts of the Spirit to the Body of Christ? (I Corinthians 12:11) _____

• Note: For more information on the Holy Spirit and His gifts, see Volume 2 of LMSB.