

Midweek Study

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The Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

“Outside the church there is no salvation” Cyprian of Carthage wrote. He also said that a person “cannot have God as his father who has not the church for his mother.”¹

1. The FORMATION of the Body (1 Cor. 12:13)

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV) - For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

2. The FUNCTION of the Body (1 Cor. 12:14-24)

See also Romans 12:4-6

3. The FELLOWSHIP of the Body (1 Cor. 12:25-27)

1 Corinthians 12:25-27 (NKJV) - ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

Applications for Today:

1. God places you in the body of Christ.

- Through Spirit Baptism
- Bloom where you've been planted

2. Your value is found within the body of Christ.

- An eye is only valuable still attached to the body.
- A foot is only valuable still attached to the body.

3. Every member is valuable to the body of Christ.

**NOT ALL MEMBERS ARE VISIBLE,
BUT ALL MEMBERS ARE VALUABLE AND
ALL MEMBERS ARE VITAL.**

¹ Charles R. Swindoll and Roy B. Zuck, *Understanding Christian Theology* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2003), 1150.

The “One-Another’s of Scripture” *(not an exhaustive list)*

Accept one another just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ([Rom. 15:7](#))

Admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ([Col. 3:16](#))

Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ([Gal. 6:2](#))

Bear with one another - Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ([Eph. 4:2](#))

Build up one another - Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification (original = build up one another).([Rom. 14:19](#))

Care for one another - there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ([1 Cor. 12:25](#))

Comfort one another - with these words. ([1 Thess. 4:18](#))

Confess faults to one another ([James 5:16](#))

Be Devoted to one another in brotherly love. ([Rom. 12:10a](#))

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. ([1 Thess. 5:11](#))

Fellowship with one another ([1 Jn. 1:7](#))

Forgive one another just as in Christ God forgave you. ([Eph. 4:32](#))

Greet one another with a holy kiss. ([Rom. 16:16](#))

Be Honest with one another - Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices . . . ([Col. 3:9](#))

Honor one another above yourselves. ([Rom. 12:10b](#))

Be Hospitable to one another without grumbling. ([1 Pet. 4:9](#))

Be Kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. ([Eph. 4:32](#))

Love one another - Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another . . . ([Rom. 13:8](#))

Members one of another - each member belongs to all the others. ([Rom. 12:5](#))

Pray for one another - so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. ([James 5:16](#))

Be of the Same Mind with one another - as you follow Christ Jesus ... ([Rom. 15:5](#))

Serve one another in love. ([Gal. 5:13](#))

Spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ([Heb. 10:24](#))

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ([Eph. 5:21](#))