

## Explore The Church Form And Function

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14** “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.”

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**Romans 12:5** “...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

**Ephesians 4:25** “Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.”

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**John 7:37-39** “On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

**Revelation 3:1** “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. ‘ “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.”

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**1 Corinthians 12:4-7** “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

**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; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 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.”

**Form vs Function** - “What kind of church do I want to attend?” Vs “What will I do to contribute to the biblical function of the church?”

**We are the body of Christ**