



**The Church as its Best  
1 Corinthians 12:1-30  
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**For the Church to fulfill the task given by God, the individual members must allow the Holy Spirit to reign in their lives.**

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. - I Corinthians 12:27

**The Church is the Body of Christ.**

**The Church is to minister within and reach without.**

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. 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. - I Corinthians 12:12-13

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. - I Corinthians 1:10

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. - I Corinthians 1:11

**The Holy Spirit is manifested in the Church in two ways:**

**By the Fruits of the Spirit**

**By the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (these three from The HS manifest...and these two ways are in one slide)**

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. 16 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? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. 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." - I Corinthians 12:14-21 ESV

**In a healthy Body of Christ, the individual members/parts must be rightly related to the head.**



He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. - Colossians 1:15-18

**Jesus Christ is the head of the Church.**

**In a healthy Bod of Christ, differences do not separate.**

What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." - I Corinthians 1:12

**In a healthy Body of Christ, all members/parts have a sense of belonging.**

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**In a healthy Body of Christ, each member/part cares for the other.**

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. - I Corinthians 12:25-26 ESV

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