

**The Holy Spirit builds
God's Church?
1 Corinthians 12:1–12**

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Body of Christ

God's Intent

- One coordinated, global body (Rev 5:9-10)
- No division by race, sex, or background (Gal 3:28)
- Characterized by love of brother and neighbor (John 13:34-35 & Jas 2:8)

Our Experience

- Many separate local bodies & denominations
- No better than a culture in which we live
- Love conditioned by self benefit

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1 Corinthians 12:8–10

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“Baptized into one body” 1 Cor. 12:13

- Every believer is a member of Christ’s body; not one of them is insignificant**
- Our confession, “Jesus is Lord” is measured in our recognition of His Spirit in others (1 Jn 3:14)**
- Each of the diverse ministries empowered by gifts of the Spirit is to build up the body of Christ.**