

**WHEN THE BODY
PLEASES GOD**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:11-26

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11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:11-26 - continued

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1 Corinthians 12:11-26 - continued

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

1 Corinthians 12:11-26 - continued

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Introduction

A. Names of the collective body of believers

1. The church

Acts 2:47

Praising God, and having favour with all the people.

And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Introduction

A. Names of the collective body of believers - continued

2. The bride of Christ

Ephesians 5:31-32

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Introduction

A. Names of the collective body of believers - continued

3. The temple of God

Ephesians 2:20-22

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Introduction

A. Names of the collective body of believers - continued

4. The body of God

Ephesians 5:30

For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Introduction

B. Right attitudes in the body of Christ please Him

1. Living in faith pleases God

Hebrews 11:5

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

2. Living in the flesh cannot please God

Romans 8:8

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

What Are These Right Attitudes?

I. There Is Individuality In The Body (vv 11-17)

A. What we have in common

- 1. All baptized by one Spirit**
- 2. All baptized into one body**
- 3. All made to drink on one Spirit**

B. What we have as individuals

- 1. We retain our own temperaments**
- 2. We retain our own personalities**
- 3. Not building blocks but living stones**

1 Peter 2:4

To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

I. There Is Individuality In The Body (vv 11-17)

Even Legos Are Different



I. There Is Individuality In The Body (vv 11-17)

C. The Corinthian church neglected this truth

1. Shouldn't long to be someone else

1 Corinthians 3:3

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

2. Should accept ourselves as we are

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

II. There Is No Inferiority In The Body (vv 18-22)

A. A bridge-verse to comfort (v 18)

1. God has set us in the body

2. We are gifted as it pleases Him

Ephesians 4:16

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

II. There Is No Inferiority In The Body (vv 18-22)

B. We must accept ourselves and others

1 Timothy 5:12

I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

II. There Is No Inferiority In The Body (vv 18-22)

C. We need each other

1. We are not the same

2. We complement one another

3. Serving together we please our Lord

Romans 12:9-11

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

II. There Is No Inferiority In The Body (vv 18-22)

D. The feeble members are needed also (vv 22-24)

1. No one is to be looked down on

Romans 14:17-19

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

2. Honor enough for all

III. There Is To Be Intimate Fellowship In The Body (vv 25-26)

A. We are to care for one another

B. We are to love one another

Hebrews 10:24

**And let us consider one another to provoke unto love
and to good works:**

C. We are to respond when another member suffers

D. We are to rejoice when another member is honored

III. There Is To Be Intimate Fellowship In The Body (vv 25-26)

E. We are not to be divided but of one accord

Acts 2:1

**And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they
were all with one accord in one place.**

What Happens When We Function As A Body?