

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ.

¹³ We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people. We were all given the same Spirit to drink.

¹⁴ So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts.

¹⁵ Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body.

¹⁶ And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell?

¹⁸ God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. ¹⁹ If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body.

²¹ The eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you!" The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²² In fact, it is just the opposite. The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are the ones we can't do without.

²³ The parts that we think are less important we treat with special honor. The private parts aren't shown. But they are treated with special care.

²⁴ The parts that can be shown don't need special care. But God has put together all the parts of the body. And he has given more honor to the parts that didn't have any. ²⁵ In that way, the parts of the body will not take sides.

All of them will take care of one another. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy.

²⁷ You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.