

MEMBERS OF THE BODY

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INTRODUCTION

TEXT: “*Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren, I would not have you ignorant.*” (I Cor. 12:1).

A. THE SETTING:

1. This was an important subject.
 2. And obvious from this and next two chapters a subject that was causing problems for the church.
- B. Because of this problem, Paul lays the ground work in chapters 12 & 13 before fully discussing it in chapter 14.
- C. To understand the teaching of gifts, *we must understand:*
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The Lordship of Christ

A. JESUS IS LORD....v. 3

1. Christ is head of the body (Eph. 1:22).
2. Preeminence in all things (Col. 1:18).

B. AS LORD AND HEAD:

1. Directs the Body.
 2. Under His Lordship the body functions, operates, etc.
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UNITY OF THE GODHEAD

A. “Diversities of gifts - But the same Spirit”.

1. Number of different gifts mentioned.
2. But all came by ONE or SAME Spirit.
3. Therefore - an equality exists.

B. DIVERSITIES OF MINISTRATIONS, - and the same Lord.”

1. Different duties or assignments.
2. But the same Lord.

C. “DIVERSITIES OF WORKINGS, - But the same God.”

1. Responsibilities.
 2. One God.
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Danger of Being led Astray

A. HAPPENED ONCE....v. 2.

1. Remember what and how they once were.
2. Lifeless idol had one time been their leaders.

B. IF IT COULD HAPPEN ONCE - Then it could happen again.

1. Therefore in regard to gifts they needed the correct understanding.
2. Some of the things being taught and said were wrong. (See chap. 14).

C. Uses Example to Illustrate the TRUTH.

PHYSICAL BODY

A. We have **ONE** physical body.

1. It is made up of many members.
2. Each member has its own role to do.
3. Which is most important, or....
4. Which can operate and function without the rest of the Body?

B. EXAMPLE OF FLOWER:

1. The eye can see it and admire its beauty..
2. But only the hand can pick the flower to fully enjoy its presence.
3. But the foot must take the hand to the flower....
4. And only the nose can enjoy its fragrance.

C. THE POINT THE SPIRIT MAKES IS:

1. All the body must work together.
 2. Or suffer together.
 3. *And when we understand this..we need to REMEMBER that:
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SPIRITUAL BODY

- A. vs. 12,13; “In one Spirit were we all baptized into one body”
1. “He is head of the body the church” (Eph. 1:22)
 2. THEREFORE:
- B. **His lesson from the physical body - Now applied to Spiritual Body!**
1. The idea here - is the gift one member receives, is it more important, Better than the gift of another?
 2. REMEMBER:
 - a. Eye has gift of seeing...
 - b. Hand the gift of feeling....
 - c. Nose the gift of smelling...
- C. AND IT TAKES THE WHOLE PHYSICAL BODY to function and accomplish all....**so also with the Spiritual.**
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| 1. First Apostle | 5. Gifts of Healing |
| 2. Second Prophets | 6. Helps. |
| 3. Teachers | 7. Governments (wise counsels) |
| 4. Then Miracles | 8. Tongues. |
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CONCLUSION

- A. As a member let us do that which we are able to do.
- B. Recognize the importance of all.
- C. v. 7; “TO PROFIT OF ALL”
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