

YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST Church... Who Are You? -- Part 4 October 12, 2008

Ephesians 1:22-23 (NIV) *“And God placed all things under His (Jesus) feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for **the church**,²³ which is **His body**, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.”*

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT) *“Now **all of you together are Christ’s body**, and each one of you is a **separate and necessary part** of it.”*

BECAUSE WE ARE PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST...

1. WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING IN _____.

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT) *“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up only one body. **So it is with the body of Christ.**”*

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT) *“Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been **baptized into Christ’s body by one Spirit**, and we have **all received the same Spirit.**”*

2. WE ALL ARE _____.

1 Corinthians 12:14 (NLT) *“Yes, **the body has many different parts**, not just one part.”*

1 Corinthians 12:15-17 (NLT) *“If the foot says, ‘I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,’ **that does not make it any less a part** of the body.¹⁶ And if the ear says, ‘I am not part of the body because I am only an ear and not an eye,’ **would that make it any less a part** of the body?¹⁷ Suppose the whole body were an eye—then **how would you hear?** Or if your whole body were just one big ear, **how could you smell anything?**”*

In order for the body to _____
properly, all parts of the body are necessary.

God insists on both _____ and
_____ in His Church!

We all have Christ and the Holy Spirit in common,
but we are still called to be **WHO WE ARE!**

1 Corinthians 12:18-19 (NLT) *“But God made our bodies with many parts, and He has put each part just where He wants it.”*¹⁹
What a strange thing a body would be if it had only one part!”

3. WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO _____
IN THE SAME _____.

1 Corinthians 12:20 (NLT) *“Yes, there are **many parts**, but only **one body**.”*

1 Corinthians 12:21-24 (NLT) *“The eye **can never 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, some of the parts that seem weakest and least important are really the most necessary.**²³ **And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care.***

*So we **carefully protect** from the eyes of others those **parts that should not be seen,**²⁴ while **other parts do not require this special care.** So **God has put the body together** in such a way that extra **honor and care are given** to those parts that have less dignity.”*

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (NLT) *“This **makes for harmony** among the members, so that **all the members care for each other equally.**²⁶ **If one part suffers, all the parts suffer** with it, and if **one part is honored, all the parts are glad.**”*

When _____ of the body of Christ hurts
it is our responsibility to help lessen the pain.

God has a purpose for placing you in this church!