

Unity: One Body
I Corinthians 12:12-26

I. All members of the body are one in Christ I Corinthians 12:12-13

A. Unity in diversity (12)

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

B. Colorful in our diversity (13)

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

II. All members of the body are needed I Corinthians 12:14-19

A. The body is not exclusive, it's inclusive (14-16)

14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

B. The body is not made up of one part (17)

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

C. Each member has a specific function (18,19)

18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be*?

III. All members of the body are valuable I Corinthians 12:20-26

A. The body is not made for elitism (20,21)

20 But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

B. The invisible parts of the body are valuable (22-24)

22 No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23 And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, 24 but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it,

C. When one part of the body hurts, we all hurt (25,26)

25 that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

Conclusion:

I. All members of the body are one in Christ.

II. All members of the body are needed.

III. All members of the body are valuable.