

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live 

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Lesson Title: The Spirit Creates One Body

Text: 1st Corinthians Ch. 12:14-31

**Study: Acts 18-19, 1st Corinthians Ch. 12-14,
Romans 12: 1-8**

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INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul teaches the Church at Corinth about the significant distinctions of various gifts of the spirit.

Paul reminds the people that all gifts are given by God and not to be viewed as superior or inferior to anyone else, or any other gift as the church members were doing.

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In this text, the Apostle Paul uses a verbal illustration to make his point clear.

God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1st Corinthians 12:18-20

BACKGROUND

In 1st Corinthians, The Apostle Paul addresses various issues that caused division including the right use of spiritual gifts;

Paul labors to help the Church stop their actions and understand God's order of many members of One Body in Christ.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. Many different members, all make one Body.

1st Corinthians 12:12-20

2. All members are equally significant, support one another and the whole Body.

1st Corinthians 12:21-26

3. God's gifts in the Body of Christ 3:10-15-11

1st Corinthians 12:27-31

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

1. To understand the significance in different members and gifts within the Body of Christ.
2. Remember equality in the Body of Christ is the Order of God.
3. To improve our service and desires to please GOD as many members in ONE BODY.

1st Corinthians 12:14-15 NRSV

14, Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

1st Corinthians 12:16-17 NRSV

16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

1st Corinthians 12:18-20 NRSV

- 18. But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.**
- 19. If all were a single member, where would the body be?**
- 20 As it is, there are many members yet one body.**

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS?

- 1) What does the language in vs. 14-16 mirror as it relates to members of the Church?**
- 2) Why is it important for every member to know and feel that they belong to the Body of Christ.**
- 3). How can we improve the act of unity, and inclusion of members in the Church?**

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. God** arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.
- 2. If we see or hear someone feeling insignificant, encourage them in the word of God in Love.**
- 3. Differences enable the Body to function well.**

1st Corinthians 12:21-22 NRSV

21 As it is, there are many members yet one body. 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.” 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.

1st Corinthians 12:23 NRSV

23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect,

1st Corinthians 12:24-25 NRSV

24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member,

25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

1st Corinthians 12:26-27 NRSV

'26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1st Corinthians 12:28 NRSV

28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

1st Corinthians 12:29-31 NRSV

29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds?

30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

QUESTIONS COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS?

- 1) What is the significance of vs. 21 & 22?
- 2) What problems occur when this behavior is uncorrected?
- 3) **Name 3 things that cause division in the Church Body today?**

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. The Body of Christ is family, many but ONE.**
- 2. Many differences & distinctions but ONE.**
- 3. Each gift *(No Matter How Nice)* is to be used to edify The Church, The Body of Christ.**
- 4. What gifts does Paul Identify?**

Highlighted Gifts In The Text

- 1). God has appointed in the church first apostles.
- 2). Prophets 3). Third teachers.
- 4.) Deeds of power. 5). Gifts of healing.
- 6). Forms of assistance, 7). Forms of leadership,
- 8). Various kinds of tongues.

See 1st Corinthians CH.12 v 1- 12 also read Romans 12

LESSON SUMMARY

Although we are many, we are collectively ONE.

The acts of malignant leaders are not of GOD.

Human error and arrogance, cause conflict and dissension in the church.

Our assignment is to submit ourselves as ONE to the will of God. Encourage, Love and Support the BODY.

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

LIVE LIFE KNOWING THAT YOU BELONG TO GOD!

USE YOUR GIFTS FOR GOD, AVOID SELFISHNESS.

SEEK THE LORD, ENCOURAGE SOMEONE.

KEEP THE BODY STRONG WITH THE WORD.

BIBLICAL STUDY RESOURCES

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