

The Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:1-27

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Every person is _____.

Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. **Matthew 10:29-31**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **John 3:16**

Unbeliever – *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.* **2 Peter 3:9**

Believer – *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.* **1 Corinthians 12: 11**

But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. **1 Corinthians 12:18**

As a Believer, God has _____ you.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. **Romans 12:6-8**

A few that Scripture speaks of include prophecy, serving, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy, wisdom, words of knowledge, faith and healing.

For in fact the body is not one member but many. **1 Corinthians 12:14**

But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. **1 Corinthians 12:20**

We all may have different gifts, but the same Lord. Imagine if we were all gifted exactly the same?

Every _____ (gift) has their place.

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

You and I play an important role in God's Church... we are the Church.

Every person needs their _____ and every church needs every _____.

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.

1 Corinthians 12:12

Whether we know this or not or believe it to be true or not, Scripture confirms it.

I need to be connected to God's Church weekly:

- To _____
- To be _____
- To _____
- For _____

As a body, we laugh with those who laugh and cry with those who cry.

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

1 Corinthians 12:26

If every member used his/ her gifts in the Church, what would that look like?

Prayer Focus:

- I would realize I matter to God.
- I would realize I have a place in God's Church and would ask God what that may be.
- I would understand that I need my Church and my Church needs me.