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ONE BODY – YET MANY PARTS

Often it is difficult to understand that everyone that has been born again is a part of the body of Christ. Jesus is the head, but everyone else is part of his body. In I Corinthians 12 we see the Apostle Paul talking about the gifts that are given by the Holy Spirit. He explains what each one is, but later in chapter 12 vs. 14, he goes on to say, ***“For the body is not one member, but many.”***

The Corinthians were zealous for the gifts. In this chapter Paul explains that one part of the body is not better than the other because all of the parts are necessary. We can't all be the eye, but we also can't get along without eyelashes that protect the eye. We can't all be the mouth, but the lips protect the mouth. We can't all be the ears, but the hair in the ear protects the ear.

Each part of the body is unique in its own way. I have seen much jealousy in my years as a Christian and in ministry. Many have questioned why one has a gift, but they don't have the same gift. For instance, someone may be a “seer” and have dreams and visions, but another seldom if ever has dreams or has never had a vision. The simplest answer I can give is that God knows who to give the gifts to and what that person will do with it.

I have seen those with musical talent be determined to preach, while many that prophesy wonder why people don't understand them. Every part of the body of Christ is necessary and must work together to make the body work properly. Even the baby toe and the toenail are absolutely necessary. Ask anyone that broke their baby toe, and you will know that their whole body suffers.

In I Cor. 14:24 it says, ***“For our comely (beautiful) parts have no need: but God hath tempered (arranged) the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked: that there should be no schism (division) in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.”*** He then goes on to say in verse 25, ***“and whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.”***

There should never be jealousy in the body of Christ. There is one body, with many parts that are all necessary for the body of Christ to function properly. The beautiful part of the body of Christ is that God adds to it and expands it so that everyone has their part. Never doubt that you are important my friend. You are needed to make the body of Christ work properly.