

14. How are you praying for ABC this week?



Message #90: One Body

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Sermon Notes

Quotes to Ponder

The spiritual teaching concerning the nature of the Christian church is unity expressed through variety.... There is no such thing as a non-essential Christian — no church member is unimportant.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

God has given us gifts, and he has not given them to be wasted or set on a shelf or buried in the ground. God expects us to use them.

R.C. Sproul

The church — the body of God's people — has little to do with slick marketing or fancy facilities. It has everything to do with the people and the Spirit of God in their midst.

Charles Colson

The church is a people, a community of people, who owe their existence, their solidarity and their corporate distinctness from other communities to one thing only — the call of God.

Jerry Bridges

Every believer, from the youngest to the oldest and from the newest to the most mature, has a Spirit-given ability to minister to the body of Christ through some spiritual gift.

John MacArthur

Diversity, not uniformity, is the mark of God's handiwork. It is so in nature; it is so in grace, too, and nowhere more so than in the Christian community. Here are many men and women with the most diverse kinds of parentage, environment, temperament, and capacity. Not only so, but since they became Christians they have been endowed by God with a great variety of spiritual gifts as well. Yet because and by means of that diversity, all can co-operate for the good of the whole.

F.F. Bruce

1. Many

2. One Body

3. Members

A. Different Functions

B. One of Another

4. In Christ

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?
2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?
3. What facts should keep us from feeling superior or inferior to other Christians (*Romans 12:3-6*)?
4. Why does Paul use the body as a picture of how the church is to operate (*Romans 12:4-5*)?
5. What do the following passages teach about the church as the body of Christ?

<i>1 Corinthians 10:17</i> —	<i>Colossians 1:18</i> —
<i>1 Corinthians 12:12-27</i> —	<i>Colossians 1:24</i> —
<i>Ephesians 1:22-23</i> —	<i>Colossians 2:19</i> —
<i>Ephesians 4:4-16</i> —	<i>Colossians 3:15</i> —
<i>Ephesians 5:23-30</i> —	
6. What hinders Christians from thinking and acting like parts of one body?
7. How does the fact that we are *one body* in Christ affect the way you view the importance of having other people in your life?
8. How does *Romans 12:4-5* relate to Paul's plea in *Romans 12:1* to present our bodies as living sacrifices?
9. Why isn't the Christian life to be lived out in isolation?
10. To what extent and how should we work on visible unity with those who hold to doctrines or practices that we disagree with?
11. Why is church membership important? Of if you think it is not important, why not? Cite biblical reasons. Is there any reason why you haven't become a member of ABC?
12. How's your commitment and involvement at ABC? Do you think you are seeing your gifts and abilities accurately, with *sound judgment* (*Romans 12:3*)?
13. Paul emphasizes in several of his letters that we are united *in Christ* (*Romans 6:11; 12:5*). What does this mean (*Romans 5:15-19; 6:3-11; Ephesians 2:11-22*)?