

THE BODY OF CHRIST

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

- Introduction:
1. The church may be referred to as a “body” more so than any other metaphor the Bible employs.
 2. There, of course, must be some important truths about the body that have specific application to God’s people as well.
 3. In this lesson, let us note of a few of these points.

I. There Are Many Different Parts To A Body—But All Are Useful

- A. (1 Corinthians 12:14-31).
- B. (Romans 12:4-8).
- C. We need to find our place in the body and get busy.
- D. We will also learn that different body parts are stronger than others, but we are not to despise the weaker parts of the body (Romans 14).

II. To Be Healthy, A Body Needs A Balanced Diet

- A. We have a tendency to gravitate to extremes.
 1. Law -vs- Grace.
 2. Love -vs- Obedience.
 3. Heaven -vs- Hell.
 4. Exhortation -vs- Correction.
- B. (Deuteronomy 5:32) Turn neither to the right or the left.

III. Cancers Within The Body Must Be Treated

- A. (2 Timothy 2:17).
- B. The body cannot afford to allow cancer to grow unchecked and untreated.
- C. If the cancer cannot be successfully treated, it must be cut off.
- D. (Acts 6; Titus 3:10).
- E. Bodies are subject to death.

IV. A Body Cannot Survive Being Separated From Its Head

- A. (Ephesians 1:22-23).
- B. (Colossians 1:18).
- C. Christ has all authority to command (Matthew 28:19; Colossians 3:17).

- Conclusion:
1. As the body of Christ, let us continue to do the work that Jesus would be doing if He were still here.
 2. In so doing, God will be glorified in the church (Eph. 3:20).