

MANY PARTS, ONE PURPOSE

1 Corinthians
12:12-31



History of the church of Corinth

- Paul established this church around 50 A.D.
- Influenced by the Greco-Roman Culture
- Started to have struggles a few years after
- Paul writes 1 Corinthians to offer correction
- In chapter 12, Paul is addressing the issue that some members thought of themselves higher than others because of their gifts

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

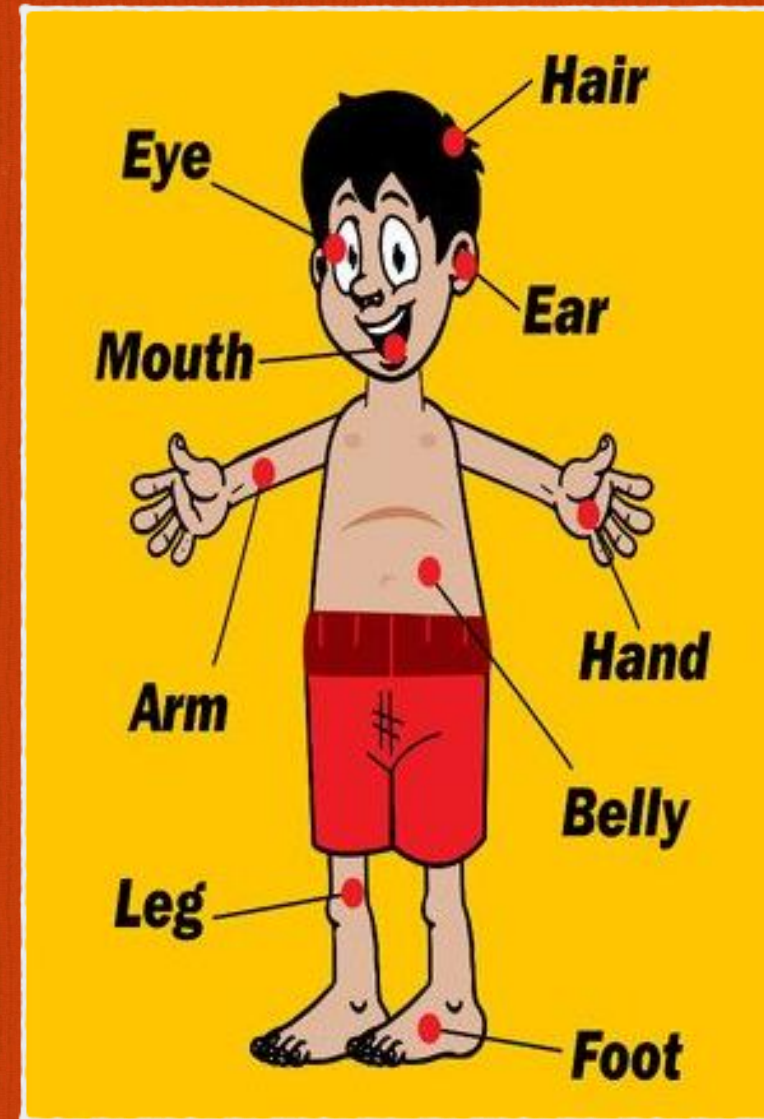
25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. **27** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **28** And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? **30** Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? **31** Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

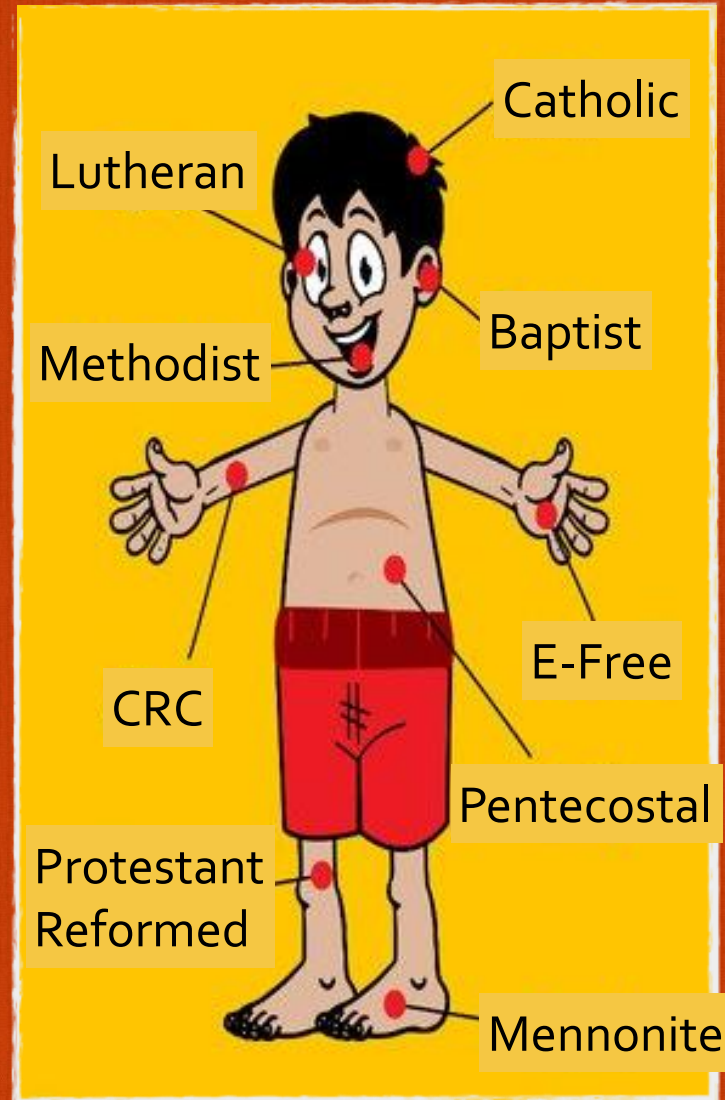
Our Human Body

- 10 Pints of Blood
- 78 Organs
- Over 200 Bones
- Over 650 Muscles
- 7,000,000,000,000 nerves
- 30,000,000,000,000 Cells

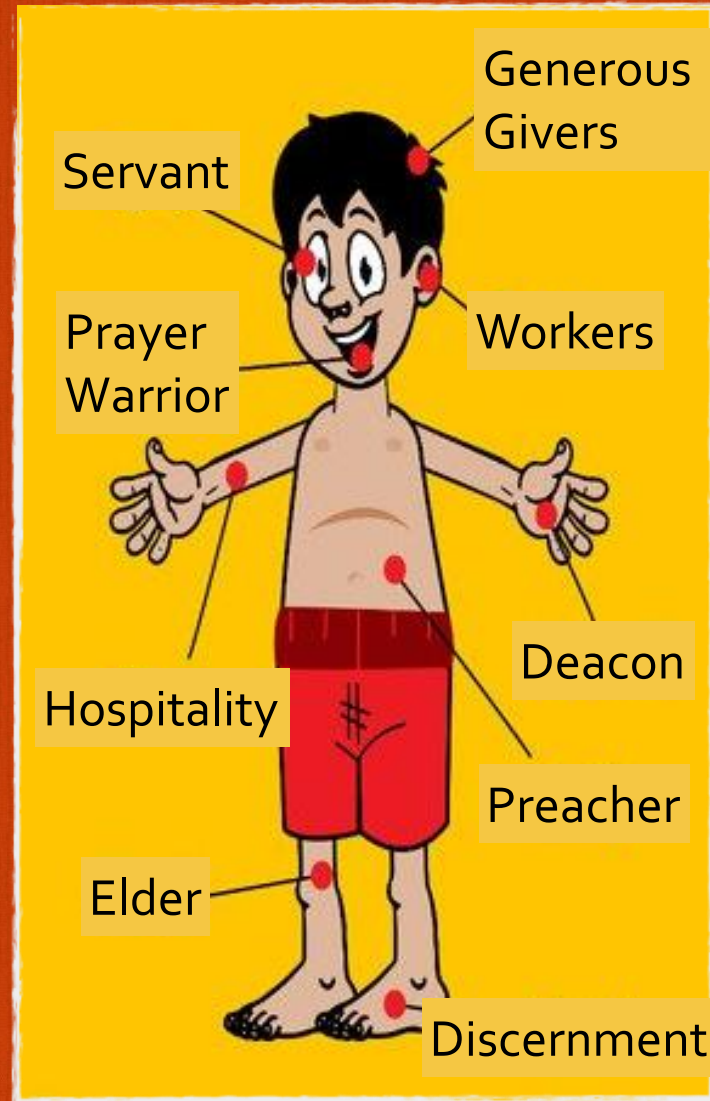
These cells all work in harmony to carry out all the basic functions necessary for humans to survive. (source: [healthline.com](https://www.healthline.com))



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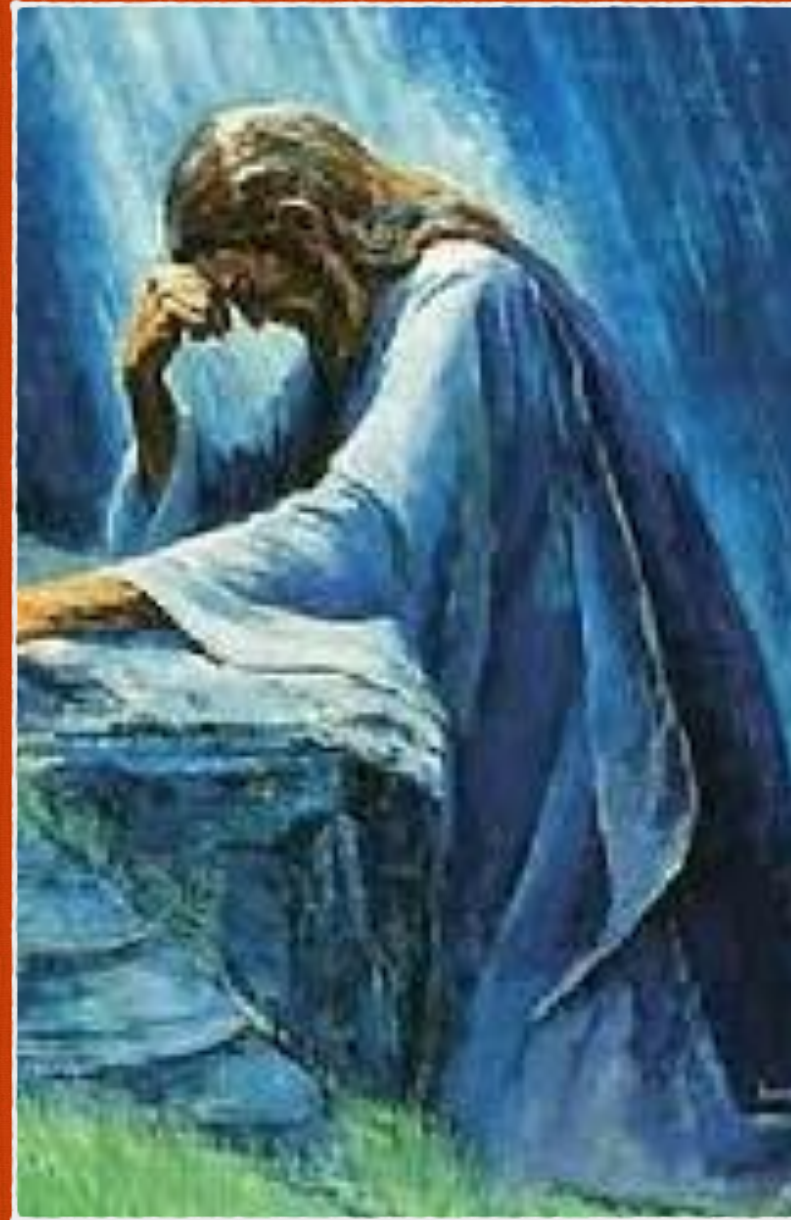


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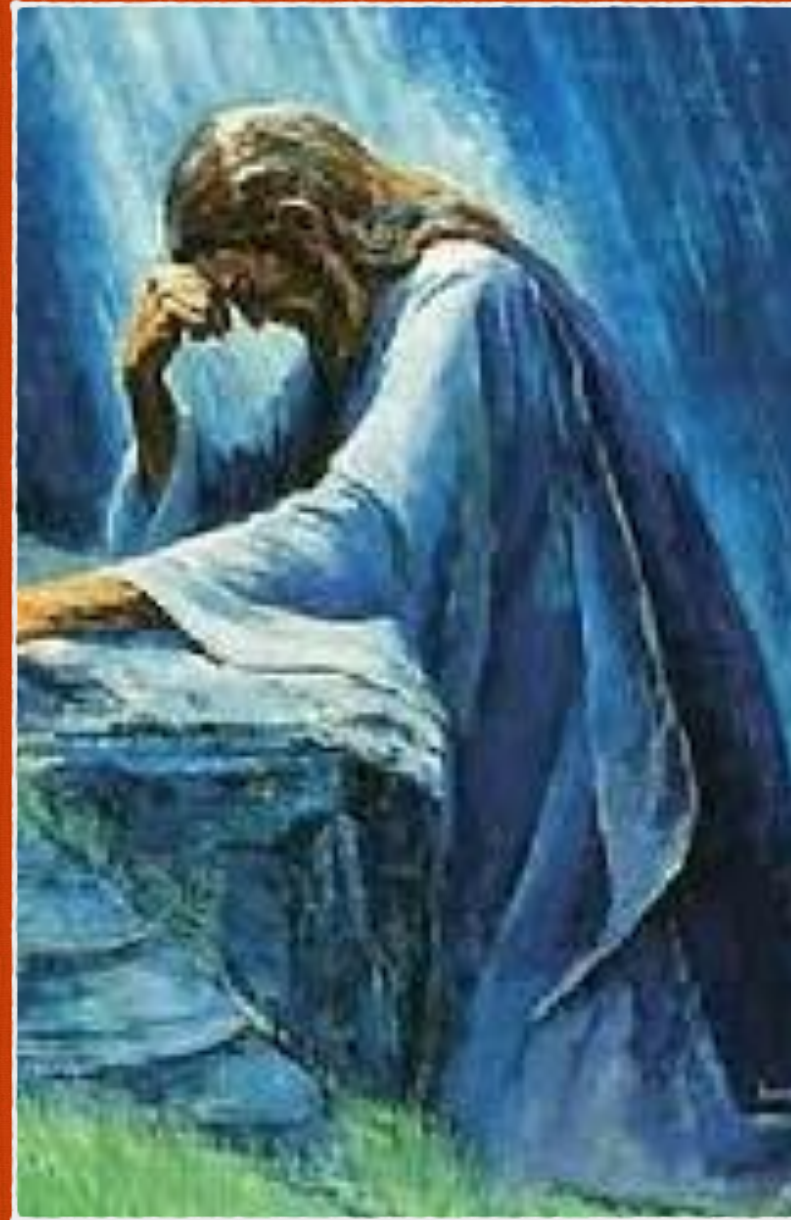
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JOHN 17:20-23



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LOVE 

IS PATIENT.

IS KIND.

DOES NOT ENVY.

DOES NOT BOAST.

IS NOT PROUD.

DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS.

IS NOT SELF-SEEKING.

IS NOT EASILY ANGERED.

KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS.

DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL.

REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.

ALWAYS PROTECTS.

ALWAYS TRUSTS.

ALWAYS HOPES.

ALWAYS PERSEVERES.

LOVE NEVER FAILS.

Corinthians 13:4-8

Confirmation that love is “the most excellent way”

Let all that you do be done in love. - 1 Corinthians 16:14

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. - 1 John 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. - 1 Peter 4:8

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. - Colossians 3:14

We love because he first loved us. - 1 John 4:19

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. -

John 13:34-35

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**WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST AND WE
HAVE A JOB TO DO TOGETHER!!**

These Christians all work in harmony to carry out all the basic functions necessary for humans to have Eternal Life.