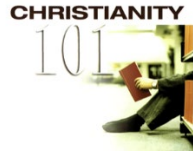




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Your Place in the Body of Christ Series: Get Started with God

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. KJV
1 Cor 12:27
27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. KJV

Introduction

The concept of striving together as a local church is illustrated no better than by the biblical metaphor of the body of Christ. When we consider the local church as a body, we will appreciate the variety among our members and accept our responsibility to one another.

Message Goals

At the conclusion of this Message, Christians should:

1. Realize that each part of the body of Christ is different and that we should not compare ourselves with each other.
2. Be committed to stay faithful to their part in the body of Christ.
3. Purpose to encourage and edify other members of the body of Christ.

You're Placement in the Body ([v. 13](#))

(⇒ Just how does one go about getting into the body of Christ?)

A. It Is Passive

At the very moment of conversion, we are given the Holy Spirit and we are placed into the Body of Christ.

It isn't something we seek, nor is it **based on what we do**, it is the Sovereign act of Almighty God! (⇒ "**Baptized**" = to immerse in, to place into something.)

The baptism of the Spirit is a real event, it happens, however, at the instant of conversion and not at a later date! Every child of God possesses the Holy Spirit, in His entirety! We do not get more of Him as we go along; He simply gets control of more of our life. As a result, we grow and become more spiritual in our daily walk.

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B. It Is Personal

⇒ **"We are all."** This is something that takes place in the life of every believer. Every sinner who places is faith in Jesus Christ for salvation experiences this baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is the event that places you in the Body of Christ. The real concern is that every person be sure that he/she is truly saved. Have you in fact trusted Jesus as your personal Savior? Are you truly born again? That is a question that no one but you or God can answer!

C. It Is Permanent

Once a person has been **"baptized"** into the body of Christ, they are there to stay. The verb phrase, **"are we all baptized"**, is in the aorist tense. This speaks of a onetime action that took place at some unspecified time in the past. In other words, when you receive Jesus as your Savior, there is a one time, for all time, action that places you into the body of Christ. When you get in the body of Christ, you do not get out!

The point of today's Message is this: The work that Christ began with His physical body, He now continues through His spiritual body-the church. God's Word refers to the local church as **"the body of Christ."** This picture is used throughout the New Testament.

Discover 3 keys to understanding our role in the body of Christ:

1. Key: The _____ of the Spirit (vv. 4-11)
2. Key: The _____ of the Body (vv. 12-21)
3. Key: The _____ of the Church (vv. 22-31)

1. Every believer has some gift; therefore, all should be encouraged.
2. No one has all the gifts; therefore, all should be humble.
3. All gifts are for the Body; therefore, all should be harmonious.
4. All gifts are for the Lord; therefore, all should be contented.
5. All gifts are mutually helpful; therefore, all should be faithful.
6. All gifts promote the whole body's health; therefore, none can be dispensed with.
7. All gifts depend upon the Holy Spirit's empowerment; therefore, none should be out of fellowship with Him.

Conclusion

Do you know your role in this local body? If not, we can help you find that place so you can get plugged--in. It is God's will that every saint would be a servant and that every member would become a minister. Are you contributing to the health of the body? Are you building others up, or are you guilty of comparison or competition? God wants us to be unified! There is a mission for us to do, as the body of Christ. We are responsible to obey the dictates of our Head and to carry out His work and His will on this earth. Let's join together and make a difference, as we function and move forward as the body of Christ!

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