

Call to Worship— Revelation 5:11-14  
Sermon Text— 1 Corinthians 12:15-26  
Benediction— Romans 12:3-5

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[12] For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. [13] For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

[14] For the body does not consist of one member but of many. [15] If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. [16] And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

[17] If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? [18] But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. [19] If all were a single member, where would the body be? [20] As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

[21] The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” [22] On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, [23] and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, [24] which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, [25] that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. [26] If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. (ESV)

**NEXT WEEK: “Members” 1 Corinthians 12:27-31**

## Outline: “Arranged”

- **INTRO**— In today’s introduction I am leaning specifically on commentary from the ESV Study Bible, As Paul emphasized unity in the midst of diversity, and a reproof for anyone who is applying an unbalanced emphasis on any particular spiritual gift (anytime/anyplace the WOO Look at me or the WAAH poor me). The remedy to these mindsets and acting out is to consider God’s sovereignty in the assigning of these gifts. Enemies now sons using their spirit given grace gifts for the common good, building one another UP and caring for one another. We should want to get this right as bad as Paul wants Corinth to get this right.
- **TRANSITION**— READ v12-14
- v15-16 The foot, the hand, the ear, the eye... because I am not \_\_\_\_ I am not a part of the body... FALSE
  - **VALUE** of the individual parts forming the whole and cooperating together
    - **FORM**— I do not belong
    - **COOPERATION**— less a part
- v17-20 If the whole body were an... eye... hearing?... an ear... smell?
  - **FUNCTION** (cooperation observable)— less parts less function
  - **DEFORMITY**— Something is missing, weak, or out of place
    - **MARKED** downgrade when the body is not formed and functioning as intended
  - v18 God’s sovereignty in **ARRANGING** the gifts in **HIS** body (placed, fixed, established)
- v19-20 **THIS IS HOW**— [19] If all were a single member, where would the body be? [20] As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

- v21-25 The eye cannot say to the hand...
  - IRONY— The eye cannot SAY anything :)
  - WHY can't the body part say to the other body part "I have no need of you"?
    - The parts aren't in charge. v18 God arranges them AS HE CHOOSES (put in place)
    - AND we are fallible in our thinking that the "honored" parts are GREATER THAN the weaker parts
      - weaker? = indispensable
      - less honorable? = to be bestowed greater honor
      - unpresentable parts? = treated with greater modesty (correctly displayed and presentable)
        - "presentable" parts don't require careful attention to HOW they are presented because they are expected and equipped to be readily observed
        - God in his arranging, and choosing intentionally gives greater honor to the parts that lack it...
          - SO THAT there may be no division in the body... UNITY and CARE for one another
- v26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.
  - ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL
    - SUFFER— effected, to feel (a sensible experience), sick
    - HONOR— adorn, make glorious, dignity and acknowledgment

## **CONCLUSION: "If one... ALL"**

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