

ONE Body - Many Parts - Week 3

1. Just as God designed the parts of the human body to work in perfect orchestration, so God designed and intends each of us to do our part for the Body of Christ to be complete and working together as one.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

2. We are united into one body by the Holy Spirit who lives in us when we receive Christ. Just like each unique part of our human body shares in common the blood which keeps each part viable and contributing, so the Holy Spirit flows in and through and between each of us in Christ's body, keeping us contributing, connected and in community. *2 Corinthians 1:22; John 17:22-23*

3. Just as God has perfectly placed each part in the human body to fulfill its purpose, He strategically places us where He wants us in the Body of Christ to fulfill our purpose, to express His heart and plan to our community and the world, which desperately needs us to be One in Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:14-19; Mark 12:41-44

4. In the Body of Christ you don't live for just yourself, but you live for the health and well-being of the other parts of the Body. The Holy Spirit living in us changes our hearts to care less and less about what we can get, and care more

and more about how we can give. This brings about oneness in the Body and glory to Christ. *1 Corinthians 12:20-26; 1 Peter 4:7-10*

5. Together we are Christ's Body- each of us does our unique part for the benefit of the Body, and as all of us pray for one another and care for one another, together we build a strong, healthy and vibrant body of Christ. *1 Corinthians 12:27; James 4:17*

What new part could I play in the Body of Christ that would add value and build Oneness? As in the human body, what may seem like a small part to me is actually valuable, meaningful and glorifying to Christ and contributes to the overall health of His Body.

Life Application Questions

1. How aware are you of the Holy Spirit living in you and influencing how you live and give? In what ways have you noticed He is changing you?
2. Where has God placed you in the Body of Christ to give and serve? Where do you think He might place you next?
3. How could doing your part build up the Body of Christ and help build Oneness?
3. Are you praying for the Body of Christ? Are you caring for others in the Body of Christ? Will you commit to pray daily for the Body of Christ?