



# John 17

**20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.**



# **BECOMING ONE: ONE BODY**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-22**



# 1 Corinthians 12

<sup>12</sup>For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup>For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body is not one member, but many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I am not *a part* of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I am not *a part* of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body.



# 1 Corinthians 12

**<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> But now there are many members, but one body. <sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”<sup>22</sup> On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.**

# A PICTURE...

- Jesus' Plan for the Church
  - Corinth had many issues...
  - Division, partiality, pride,
  - Paul is now dealing with the root answer
- One body, many members...
  - We say, "yes, the church..."
  - Paul says "so also is Christ."

# ONE SPIRIT, ONE BODY

- **The baptism of believers...**
  - **A re-birth and new-ness of Life**
  - **Also a re-definition and gift of Family**
  - **“band of brothers”**
  - **We share the same experience**
  - **Holy Spirit brings life to us, creating a bond**
  - **Jews/Gentiles; bond/free - Drink one Spirit**

# PERCEPTION ISSUES

- **What if I am just a foot? an ear?**
  - **Inferiority issues...**
  - **Finding our place, and purpose**
  - **We think we know what is more needed**
  - **The real need - diversity! Smell, hearing, sight...**
  - **You are the person/reflection of Jesus...**
  - **not about what others, are or do...**

# GOD 'S CHOICE

- **God has placed - His knowledge of us**
  - **every one - none are left out...**
  - **in the body... not apart from it**
  - **as it pleased Him**
- **Are we willing to be placed?**
- **Are we ready to be a part of the whole?**



# ATTITUDE CHECK

- “cannot say” - we NEED all the “parts”
- attitudes/perceptions of “being better”
  - If one part of a team loses...
  - If one part of the body is sick...
  - in fact, the “weaker” are the most needed!
  - liver, stomach, kidneys... not pretty!

# PART OF THE BODY

- It is HIS body!!! “so is Christ”!!!
  - What “Connections” can you strengthen?
  - What “part” needs you today?
  - What is the message from “the Head”?
  - Is there a part you need to acknowledge?
- It is time to BE HIS BODY!