

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

{Sunday, June 25, 2017 A.D.}

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware . . .

. . . ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good . . .

. . . ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

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¹² 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.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many.

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

¹⁹ If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body.

²¹ 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." ²² On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; ²³ and those *members* of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, ²⁴ whereas our more presentable members have no need *of it*.

But **God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked,** ²⁵ **so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.** ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷ Now **you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.** ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church, **first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.** ²⁹ All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* miracles, are they? ³⁰ All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?

³¹ But **earnestly desire the greater gifts.** And I show you a still more excellent way.

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46. How dost thou understand the words: He ascended into Heaven?

That Christ, in sight of His disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven; and **in our behalf there continues,** until **He shall come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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