



Welcome!

- Our vision is to be a community that experiences and expresses LOVE from God and to others.

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” - Galatians 5:6b

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Prayers of Confession

Father, We come to confess our sins because we desire cleansing, and we know that when we confess our sins, you exchange our guilt and shame for freedom and joy.

We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. We acknowledge that we are broken, addicted, rebellious, prideful, and selfish because of sin. That which we want to do, we do not do. And that which we don't want to do, that's what we do.

Please hear our prayers of confession, forgive us, and cleanse us from the stain of our sin.

Assurance of Pardon

I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.

- Jeremiah 33:8-9



Today's Message...

The Body

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:7, 12-27

Colossians 1:18

The Human Body is a “Magnificent Machine!”

Top 10 Most Interesting Facts about the Human Body:

10. More than half of your bones are located in the hands, wrists, feet, and ankles.
9. About 60% of your body is made up of water.
8. The gluteus maximus is the body's largest muscle.
7. A human's little finger contributes over 50% of the hand's strength.
6. Pound for pound, your bones are stronger than steel. A block of bone the size of a matchbox can support up to 18,000 pounds of weight, but our bones are brittle and can fracture on impact.

The Human Body is a “Magnificent Creation!”

Top 10 Most Interesting Facts about the Human Body:

5. For an adult human, taking just one step uses up to 200 muscles.
4. Every second, your body produces 25 million new cells. That means in 15 seconds, you will have produced more cells than there are people in the United States.
3. A person takes about 23,040 breaths a day, or about 672,768,000 breaths in a lifetime.
2. There is anywhere between 60,000-100,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body. If they were taken out and laid end-to-end, they would be long enough to travel around the world more than three times.
1. If a human being's DNA were uncoiled, it would stretch 10 billion miles, from Earth to Pluto and back.

The Body of Christ is infinitely more magnificent!

Like the human body, the Body of Christ (the Church) is also a magnificent creation that is "fearfully and wonderfully made."

"The Church is like a thick steak, a glass of red wine, and a good cigar."

– G.K. Chesterton (English writer, 1874-1936)

"More than an organization, association, corporation, and institution, the Church Body is a loving family, connected community, functioning body, and living organism."

KEY POINTS

1. We exist for the “common good.”
2. The Body is complex and diverse for maximum effectiveness.
3. The weaker are often greater.
4. Unity is essential.
5. Jesus is the Head.

1 Corinthians 12:7,12-14 1. We exist for the common good.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

THE MESSAGE... 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

*Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, **we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives.** We each used to independently call our own shots, but then **we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything.***

1 Corinthians 12:15-20

2. The Body is complex and diverse for maximum effectiveness.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Corinthians 12:21-24

3. The weaker are often greater.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

1 Corinthians 12:21-24

4. Unity is essential!

²⁵ so that there should be **no division in the body**, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

*“You are Christ’s body—that’s who you are!
You must never forget this.”*

- The Message (vs. 27)

Colossians 1:18

5. Jesus is the Head.

*¹⁸ And **he is the head of the body**, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. – Colossians 1:18*

“If you’re not connected to the Church (the Body), then you’re not connected to Jesus (the Head).”

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CLOSING THOUGHTS (1 of 3)

The Church Body is the manifestation
of Jesus on earth.

"The community of God's people is to be "the joy of the whole earth" —an alternate human society based on love and justice rather than on power and exploitation." - Tim Keller

CLOSING THOUGHTS (2 of 3)

The purpose of the Church is to “build up the Body”
so that Christ might have the supremacy.

“The Church is organic. As we draw our identity from Christ, the great Vine, we will, like healthy branches, produce fruit that nourishes the needy people around us. The Church is a new society, created for the salvation of a lost world, pointing to the kingdom to come.”

- Chuck Colson (“The Body”)

CLOSING THOUGHTS (3 of 3)

Jesus sacrificed His earthly body so that we could be a part of His eternal Body.

“You and I are in community with the Father, the Son, the Spirit and with each other, all together as the Body of Christ.... This not of ourselves, but it is the gift of God (Eph. 2:9).”

Benediction

God's Blessing over His people

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17





Have a
great
Sunday!

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