

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "One Diverse, Gifted Body; One Glorious, Indwelling Spirit"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:10-13

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I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS: MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Last week...

- 1) **The Gift of WISDOM:** The ability to apply God's truth to "everyday life".
- 2) **The Gift of KNOWLEDGE:** The ability to remember, retain, collect, and organize truth.
- 3) **The Gift of FAITH:** The ability to trust God's word/promises and call for action!
- 4) **The Gifts (plural) of HEALING:** Here, Paul seems to have in mind several gifts of healing.

This week...

- 5) **The Working of MIRACLES:** The ability to demonstrate God's victorious power over His enemies.

Acts 13:10-11; Acts 5:3-5, 9-11; 1 John 4:4; 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 16:20 -

- 6) **The Gift of PROPHECY:** The ability to communicate and proclaim God's word.

1 Corinthians 14:3 -

- 7) **The Gift of DISCERNMENT:** The ability to discern truth from "almost truth".

1 John 4:1; 1 Corinthians 14:29 -

- 8) **The Gift of TONGUES or LANGUAGES:** The ability to speak a language not previously known to the speaker.

Acts 2:4-12 -

- 9) **The Gift of INTERPRETATION:** The ability to interpret and explain what is said when the gift of tongues/languages is used.

1 Corinthians 12:7, 11 -

II. ONE BODY... ONE SPIRIT... PRAISE GOD!!!

God's People: A Family... Nation... Bride... Flock... and Body

1 Corinthians 12:12 -

1) You have a unified body that is not threatened/hindered but is rather helped by its diversity.

Matthew 16:18 -

2) Like a physical body, the Body of Christ is not threatened or hindered by its diversity; it thrives, flourishes, and is strengthened by each diverse part functioning for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 12:4-10 -

3) Our shared life in Christ, our shared baptism ("placement") into the Body of Christ, our shared "drinking" (reception or filling) of the Holy Spirit serves as the basis of our unity and equality!

1 Corinthians 12:13 -

Note: It is Jesus Himself (by virtue of His atoning work) who "baptizes" us (who sends, who fills us) with the Spirit so that we become and are placed into His Body!

Mark 1:7-8; John 1:33-34; John 7:37-39 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why is it so important to know and remember that spiritual gifts (manifestations of the Spirit) are given "for the common good" (verse 7)? What will happen if we forget or ignore that principle?
2. Why is discernment, "the ability to distinguish between spirits" (verse 10), so important to the body?
3. What role does humility play in properly thinking about and understanding spiritual gifts?
4. Why is diversity beneficial to both a physical body and to Christ's Body (the Church)?
5. According to verse 13, what is our basis of unity and equality in the Body of Christ?