

1 Corinthians 12

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12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

²Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. (Their idols had no life. They were just inanimate objects)

³Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. (Jesus is God; as is the Holy Spirit; how can God curse Himself. There is one God and He has many offices)

⁴Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (God give each of us our own gifts)

⁵And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. (One God, many gifts)

⁶And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. (We all have different talents by the grace of God)

⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (But we all have the same free will to find God and salvation)

⁸For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (Again, different people receive different gifts, but they can all work together in the ministry of God)

⁹To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

¹⁰To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: (These are language translators) (The tongues are foreign languages, not the babbling mumbo jumbo that fake Christians do at fake churches. We need translators in order to teach people in other countries)

(The cloven tongue written of in Joel and in Acts is different. It was spoken by the Apostles when they received the Holy Spirit. Everyone who heard it, heard it in their native language – all at the same time. There was no need for a translator. Man cannot do that. It was done by God to give credentials to the Apostles that they were truly sent by God to minister)

¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. (God decides who gets which gifts)

¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (The body of Christ is symbolic for the church of Christ – the Christian church)

¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (This body is the church of Jesus Christ; as one body has many parts working together, so does God's church)

¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. (All Christians, together, make up the Church of Christ – all are equally important)

¹⁵ If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁶ And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

¹⁸ But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where were the body?

²⁰ But now are they many members, yet but one body.

²¹ And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

²² Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: (Because they are not more feeble or of lesser importance. All members are equal, under Jesus Christ)

²³ And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. (Some members of the Church work behind the scenes – symbolically, like some parts of our body we keep covered up, yet they are just as important as the rest)

²⁴ For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked. (God gives abundant blessings to those who do the work behind the scenes and don't get recognition from other people)

²⁵ That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

²⁶ And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷ Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

²⁸ And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

²⁹ Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? (No)

³⁰ Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? (No)

³¹ But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way. (Don't envy other people's gifts; be happy with your own)