

## **SJBCOA BIBLE STUDY – November 2, 2023**

### **One Body Working Together To Advance The Kingdom**

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#### **1 Corinthians 12:12-28**

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.

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.

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

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:

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.

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.

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.

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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.

Here is one body of Christ with many members. Each member of the body of Christ is different and is assigned to a specific function to perform so it can operate properly (1 Corinthians 12:4). Like the human body, the body of Christ has many parts, and each part is needed and designed by God for a specific purpose. Therefore, the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you." And the head cannot say to the foot, "I don't need you." The same goes for the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27).

The specific functions are gifts given to believers by God after being baptized to bring unity and diversity in the body of Christ. The gifts are used to help build each other up and to bring glory to God (1 Corinthians 12:5-6). God gives certain gifts to each member as He wishes. Because of this, there is no need for jealousy among the body of Christ. Believers can be grateful for the gifts God gave because they are in God's perfect plan for our lives.

Philippians 2:1-3 (same mind)

Ephesians 4:1-5,11-16, 31-32 (walk)

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 (building up)

Psalms 51:1-10

Matthew 25:21-23

Philippians 2:1-3

1 Corinthians 1:10

Matthew 18:14-20

Proverbs 27:17

Hebrews 10:24-25

Romans 12:10

Romans 15:5-6