

United in Membership
1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Pew Bible p. 959
May 15, 2022

I. The Identity of the Body (V. 12-13)

A. Every follower of Christ is a member of His body.

II. The Members of the Body (V. 14-31)

A. All members belong.

B. All members are necessary.

C. When a Christian lives apart from the church:

1. It is never normal.

2. It rots their faith.

3. It hurts the church.

D. All members are led.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.
2. What does being a Christian have to do with being a member of Christ's church, according to verses 12-13? Can you have one without the other? Why?
3. Have you ever felt like you did not belong in the church because you didn't serve in a certain capacity? Why? What do verses 15-16 say about that?
4. If every church member served the Lord in the exact same way, what would happen, according to verses 17-19?
5. Keeping with this illustration of one body and many members, what happens to a hand when it is severed from its body? What happens to a Christian when he/she is separated from the church?
6. What are some ways our church can ascribe honor to less visible servants of the Lord? How can servants of the Lord be sure to do their job with humility and worship, rather than for man's recognition?
7. Does the fact that we are one body and many members mean we all possess the same amount of authority in the church, according to verses 27-28? Why? How is having godly leadership a healthy thing for the church?
8. Pray for our church, that our membership would express this concept of one body and many members. Consider attending our Zoom Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at www.apollobaptist.org to receive the meeting link.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Read James 1-5 – Make a list of negative commands (not to do something)

May Memory Verses: 2 Timothy 4:1-5



1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for the volunteers serving at Vacation Bible School.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Matthew M. (uncle), Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), and LeRoy H. (wife, Kay)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (health issues), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing/improved health), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovery from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Marge D. (bruised ribs after fall), Margaret J. (recovery from cancer surgery), and Paul W. (degenerative discs in neck)
- Others that you are aware of