



Sermon: "Resolved: To Live Appropriately As Part of the Body"

Text: 1 Corinthians 12

Date: Preached on January 1st, 2012

Fighter Verse

Isaiah 40:8

Personal/Experience

Suggested time: 5-10 min.

Read 1 Corinthians 12 and/or Romans 12. What was/is your response to this text or sermon?

The Body of Christ

Suggested time: 10-15 min.

THE BODY OF CHRIST...

Refers to the community of all _____ of all _____, generally, and to _____, specifically.

A HEALTHY BODY OF CHRIST...

1. Submits to _____ as _____ (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:17-20)
2. Is Made Up of _____ with _____ (Romans 12:4; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14)
3. Consists of Individual Members Using Their _____ For The _____ (1 Corinthians 12:7; Romans 12:4)
4. Participates in God's _____ of _____
5. Enjoys _____ (Ephesians 2:13-16)
6. Results In An _____ (Matthew 22:36-39)

Application: What does the text mean for us today?

Suggested time: 10-15 min.

How do you need to adjust your thinking regarding the body of Christ? What will you do about it?

What is one way that you can live more appropriately as a member of the body of Christ?

RESOLVED: TO LIVE APPROPRIATELY AS PART OF THE BODY

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INTRODUCTION

THE BODY OF CHRIST

The body of Christ is the community of all true Christians of all time, generally, local gatherings of believers (churches), specifically.

A healthy body of Christ submits to Christ as its head, recognizes that it is one body with many members, functions with individual members using their individual gifts for the common good, experiences God's promised grace, enjoys true fellowship, and results in an outward focus.

SUBMITS TO CHRIST AS HEAD

1. Our agenda dies.
2. Our pride dies.
3. The body of Christ will succeed.

ONE BODY, MANY MEMBERS

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS USING THEIR GIFTS FOR THE COMMON GOOD

1. As one body, we have a common purpose: the glory of our head, Jesus Christ.
2. All members of the body of Christ—of Grace Church—are equally valuable before God.
3. All members of the body of Christ—of Grace Church—are equally necessary because of God.
4. Our individual functions are determined by our Spiritual gifts.

MEANS OF GRACE IN THE CHURCH

1. Teaching of the Word.
2. The Lord's Supper.
3. Baptism.
4. Prayer for one another.
5. Worship.
6. Church discipline.
7. Giving.
8. Spiritual gifts.
9. Fellowship.
10. Evangelism.
11. Finally, personal ministry to individuals.

ENJOYS TRUE FELLOWSHIP

1. It always stems from oneness in Christ.
2. It will always be centered on God's Word.
3. It will be fueled by prayer.
4. It will follow God's example in Christ.
5. It is related to our individual maturity in Christ.
6. Finally, it will be love and other's oriented.

RESULTS IN AN OUTWARD FOCUS

1. Loving neighbors.
2. Evangelism.
3. Orphans and widows.
4. Sick and downtrodden.
5. Global body.