

The Church as the Body of Christ Selected Scriptures

Numerous metaphors are used in the New Testament to describe the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; the most well known of these is *the Body*, with the church referred to as *the Body of Christ*. While other metaphors are introduced and developed in the Old Testament, this one is distinctly a New Testament concept, used exclusively by the Apostle Paul. Because this extraordinary truth is so vast, it is impossible to cover in one message. Our approach today will be to highlight the three most prominent passages dealing with the Body of Christ, and point out some of the most prominent truths and applications.

Romans 12:4-8

1. As members of His Body, we belong not only to Him but to _____ (12:5).
2. As members of His Body, His grace motivates us to serve one another in unique ways (12:4, 6-8).

I Corinthians 12:12-27

1. Each member was _____ into His one Body by the one Holy Spirit (12:13).
2. Each member _____ to the body just as much as any other part (12:14-19).
3. Each member is to be accepted and _____ by each of the other members (12:20-26).

Ephesians 4:11-16

1. Some members of Christ's Body are called and gifted to help other members to do the work of the ministry (4:11-13).
2. The _____ of Christ's Body is dependent on each member of the body doing what God designed us to do (4:14-16).