

ONE BODY - MANY PARTS

In Grant Beach Neighborhood – Our Jerusalem

I Corinthians 12:12-26

¹²The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

¹⁴Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

¹⁸But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”

²²In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. ²³And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, ²⁴while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. ²⁵This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

Ephesians 4:15

Instead, we will speak **the** truth in love, growing in every way more and more like **Christ**, who **is the head** of his body, **the** church.

QUALITIES OF A HEALTHY BODY

- 1) Acceptance -- I Corinthians 12:15 -17
- 2) Honor -- I Corinthians 12:23, 24
- 3) Direction from The Head -- Ephesians 4:15

"THAT ONE'S YOURS."

"The BEST WORK is prayer."

"SOPHISTICATED DISOBEDIENCE."

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- ▶ How could I be more spiritually engaged with the BODY of Christ in Grant Beach?
- ▶ Do I hear and respond to the "Direction from the Head" daily?