



ONE BODY

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Ephesians 4:6 (AMP)

We Are Connected As One Body

So I, the prisoner IN the Lord, appeal to you to live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called [that is, to live a life that exhibits godly character, moral courage, personal integrity, and mature behavior—a life that expresses gratitude to God for your salvation], ² with all humility [forsaking self-righteousness], and gentleness [maintaining self-control], with patience, bearing with one another ^[a]in [unselfish] love. ³ Make every effort to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the bond of peace [each individual working together to make the whole successful]. ⁴ *There is one **body*** [of believers] and one *Spirit*—just as you were called to one *hope* when called [to salvation]— ⁵ one *Lord*, one *faith*, one *baptism*, ⁶ *one God and Father* of us all who is [sovereign] over all and [working] through all and [living] in all.

Philippians 2:1-2 (AMP)

One Body To Spread Good News

Therefore, if there is any encouragement *and* comfort *in Christ* [as there certainly is in abundance], if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship [that we share] *in the Spirit*, if [there is] any [great depth of] affection and compassion, ² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same ^[a]love [toward one another], knit together *in spirit*, intent on one purpose [and living a life that reflects your faith and spreads the gospel—the good news regarding salvation through faith *in Christ*].

1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (AMP)

One Body Does Not Divide Over Leaders

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, ^[a]in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas^[b]"; still another, "I follow Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1 Corinthians 12:14-16 (AMP) Are You Apart Because You Are Not That Part?

¹⁴ For the [human] body does not consist of one part, but of many [limbs and organs].

¹⁵ If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not *a part* of the body," is it not on the contrary still *a part* of the body? ¹⁶ If the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not *a part* of the body," is it not on the contrary still *a part* of the body?

1 Corinthians 12:17-20 (AMP) One Body Being One Part Misses It's Senses

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole [body] were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now [as things really are], God has placed *and* arranged the parts in the body, each one of them, just as He willed *and* saw fit [with the best balance of function]. ¹⁹ If they all were a single *organ*, where would [the rest of] the body be? ²⁰ But now [as things really are] there are many parts [different limbs and organs], but a single body.

1 Corinthians 12:21-31 (AMP) One Body Does Not Dismiss Parts Of The Body

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² But quite the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are [absolutely] necessary; ²³ and as for those *parts* of the body which we consider less honorable, these we treat with greater honor; and our less presentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ while our more presentable parts do not require it. But God has combined the [whole] body, giving greater honor to that part which lacks it, ²⁵ so that there would be no division *or* discord in the body [that is, lack of adaptation of the parts to each other], but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the parts share the suffering; if one member is honored, all rejoice with it.
