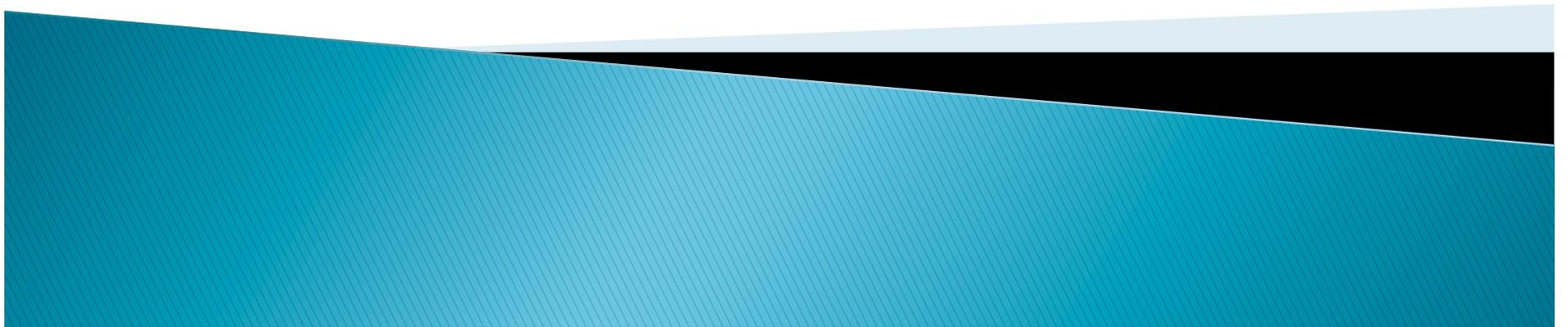


The Body of Christ



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1 Corinthians 12:16

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1 Corinthians 12:17

- ▶ 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?



1 Corinthians 12:18

- ▶ But now God has placed each one of the parts in one body just as He wanted.



1 Corinthians 12:19

- ▶ And if they were all the same part, where would the body be?



1 Corinthians 12:20

- ▶ Now there are many parts, yet one body.



1 Corinthians 12:22

- ▶ But even more, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are necessary



1 Corinthians 12:23

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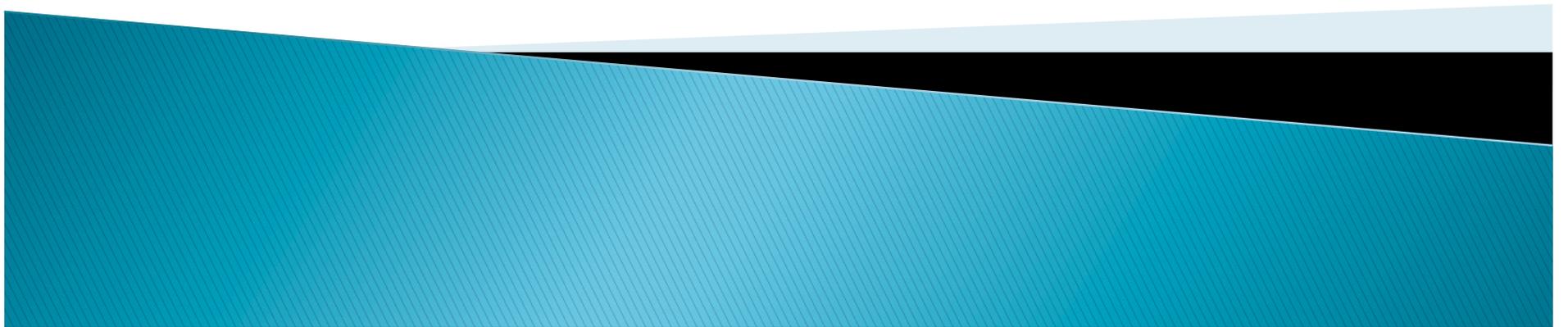


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The Body of Christ



Psalm 139:13

- ▶ For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.



Psalm 139:14

- ▶ I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well.



Anatomy Facts

- ▶ 78 organs in the human body
- ▶ 206 bones in the human body
- ▶ 26 bones in each foot
- ▶ 27 bones in each hand
- ▶ The brain contains 86 billion nerve cells joined by 100 trillion connections. This is more than the number of stars in the Milky Way.
- ▶ For an adult human, taking just one step uses up to 200 muscles.
- ▶ Messages from the human brain travel along nerves at up to 200 miles an hour
- ▶ The human brain uses just as much power as a 10-watt light bulb.
- ▶ A human eye can distinguish between approximately 10 million different colors
- ▶ Eye is so complex that it has over two million working parts in it
- ▶ A human makes approximately 20,000 breaths per day.
- ▶ The heart beats 35 million times a year.
- ▶ Smiling triggers 17 muscles of the face while crying activates 43.



Genesis 2:24

- ▶ This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh.



Proverbs 27:17

- ▶ Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens
another. (HCSV)
- ▶ Iron sharpeneth iron; so a
man sharpeneth the
countenance of his friend.
(KJV)



Blacksmith Image



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Peter: Always talking

- ▶ Matthew 16:22
 - ▶ Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

 - ▶ Matthew 17:4
 - ▶ Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

 - ▶ Matthew 18:21
 - ▶ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
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- ▶ Matthew 14:28
- ▶ And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

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Peter: Instinctual, reactive, no polish

- ▶ Luke 8:45
- ▶ And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

- ▶ John 18:10
- ▶ Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.



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John: Hardly ever talks

- ▶ Mark 9:38
- ▶ And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.

- ▶ Mark 10:35
- ▶ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.



John: Always present/there

- ▶ John 19:26–27
- ▶ When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved standing there, He said to His mother, “Woman, here is your son.” 27 Then He said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.
- ▶ Conversation with Nicodemus (3:1–21)
- ▶ Encounter with Samaritan woman at a well (4:1–42)
- ▶ Rescue of an adulterous woman from stoning (7:53–8:11)
- ▶ Washing of disciples’ feet (13:1–20)



John: A follower

- ▶ John 21:20
- ▶ So Peter turned around and saw the disciple Jesus loved following them. That disciple was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and asked, “Lord, who is the one that’s going to betray You?” 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord—what about him?”



John

- ▶ Hardly ever talks: He was listening
- ▶ Always present/there:
Became close to Jesus/the Beloved Disciple
- ▶ A follower: Book of John



Paul

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- ▶ **Polished/Eloquent**



Paul: Confident/Passionate

- ▶ Philippians 3:4–6
- ▶ Although I once also had confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised the eighth day; of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; regarding the law, a Pharisee; 6 regarding zeal, persecuting the church; regarding the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.



Paul: Blunt/Brutally honest

- ▶ Galatians 2:11–13
- ▶ But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. 12 When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision.



Paul: Polished/Eloquent

- ▶ Acts 26:1–3
- ▶ Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense: 2 “I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that today I am going to make a defense before you about everything I am accused of by the Jews, 3 especially since you are an expert in all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.



Paul

- ▶ Confident/Passionate: 2 Corinthians 11:24–25: Five times I received 39 lashes from Jews, Three times I was beaten with rods by the Romans, Once I was stoned by my enemies, Three times I was shipwrecked...
- ▶ Blunt/Brutally honest: Ephesians 4:15: Speaking the truth in love...
- ▶ Polished/Eloquent: Opportunities to spread gospel (Acts 25 & 26, letters to churches)



Ephesians 4:16

- ▶ From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part.



“Building Up”

- Acts 20:32 KJV: I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to **build you up**, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
- Eph 4:12 HCSB: for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to **build up the body of Christ**,
- 1 Th 5:11 HCSB: Therefore encourage one another and **build each other up** as you are already doing.
- Jude 1:20 KJV: But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves** on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost



Ephesians 5:22–23

- ▶ **Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord, 23 for the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body.**



Ephesians 5:24–26

- ▶ Now as the church submits to Christ, so wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.



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Tearing Down the Body

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- ▶ Cancer
- ▶ Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia (AIHA)
- ▶ Bipolar disorder
- ▶ Schizophrenia
- ▶ Psychosis
- ▶ Autism
- ▶ Self-injury or Self-mutilation (cutting)

Physical Disease

Mental Disease

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1 Corinthians 13:2

- ▶ If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.



1 Corinthians 13:3

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Ephesians 4:1–2

- Therefore I, the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, accepting one another in love



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Take Aways

- Find our place in the body.
- Submit to the sharpening process.
- Recognize the damage that we've caused.
- Apply the healing covering of love to the injured body and watch the growth.

