

- 8 To one is given, by the Spirit, discourse characterized by wisdom. To another, discourse characterized by knowledge according to the same Spirit.
- 9 To another, (extraordinary) faith by the same Spirit. To another, gifts to heal different kinds of diseases by the one Spirit.
- 10 And to another, the working of miracles. And to another prophecy. And to another, the ability to discriminate between true and false spirits. To another, various languages. And to another, interpretation of languages.
- 11 But all these are imparted by the one and same Spirit, who distributes them to each individual exactly as He chooses.
- 12 For just as the (natural) body is one and has many members, and the members, though many, constitute one body, so it is with Christ (in whom all believers are one).
- 13 indeed, by means of one Spirit all of us -- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free men -- were baptized into one body, and all were given to drink of one Spirit.
- 14 So, the body does not consist of one member but of many.
- 15 If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body," it would not cease being part of the body.
- 16 If the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," it would not cease being part of the body.
- 17 If the entire body were an eye, how could anyone hear? If the entire body were an ear, how could anyone smell?
- 18 But the fact is, God has placed the members -- every one of them -- in the body just as he wished.
- 19 If the whole were just one part, how could there be a body?
- 20 Actually there are many members, but there is only one body.
- 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you;" nor can the head say to the feet, "I do not need you."
- 22 On the contrary, the members of the body which seem to be weaker are certainly necessary,
- 23 and those parts which we regard as less honorable are the ones which we surround with more abundant honor. And the least presentable parts are treated with special consideration,
- 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has formed the body in such a way that special dignity has been given to the (seemingly) inferior parts,
- 25 in order that there may not be any discord in the body, but that the members should exercise mutual concern for one another.
- 26 So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.
- 27 Now you -- the congregation -- are a body in relation to Christ, and each member has his function to perform.
- 28 And God has placed in the church first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; next, miraculous powers; then gifts of cures, abilities for rendering assistance, capacities for leadership, facility in various languages.
- 29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?
- 30 All do not have gifts of cures, do they? All do not speak in foreign languages, do they? All do not interpret, do they?¹