

# The Church: A Healthy Body

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

**The Church is God's cosmic redemptive project metaphorically revealed as the Body of Christ.**

**Four facts about the unity of the Body of Christ (vs. 3-13):**

1. All make the same confession: Jesus is Savior and Lord. (vs. 3)
2. All depend on the same God for our spiritual gifts, our ministries, and the outcomes. (vs. 4-6)
3. All contribute to the one and same Body of Christ as God designed them. (vs. 7-11)
4. All are eternally united to Jesus Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (vs. 12-13)

**Four facts about how our diversity of gifts helps the Body of Christ (vs. 14-31):**

1. God designed our diversity to contribute to the overall IDENTITY of the Body. (vs. 14-20)
2. God designed our diversity to ensure our interdependence of one another. (vs. 21)
3. God designed our diversity to honor the parts that are weaker, less known or unseen. (vs. 22-26)
4. God designed our diversity to call us higher to love one another as He loves us. (vs. 27-31)

**Conclusion:**