GIFTS AND THE NATURE OF THE BODY

I Cor. 12:1-31

1. Now concerning *spiritual gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.

INTRODUCTION

GIFTS

- 2. You know that when you were *gentiles*, you were led astray to *dumb idols*, *however* you may have been *moved*.
- 3. Therefore I want you to understand that *no one* speaking by the *Spirit of God* ever says, "*Jesus be cursed*!" and no one can say, "*Jesus is Lord*," except by the *Holy Spirit*.

4. Now there are *varieties of gifts*,

A. A VARIETY OF GIFTS

and the same *Spirit*;

and there are *varieties of ministries*, SPIRIT and the same *Lord*, LORD and there are varieties of *energizings* GOD and the same *God who energizes* them all in everyone.

5a. To each is given the *manifestation of the Spirit* SPIRIT

b. for the *common good*. COMMON GOOD

So one is given through the Spirit a word of *wisdom*,

to another a word of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit,

to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

to another the working of miracles,

to another prophecy,

to another the ability to distinguish between spirits,

to another various kinds of tongues,

to another the interpretation of tongues.

a. All these are *inspired by* one and the *same Spirit*, SPIRIT

b. who apportions to each one individually as he wills. INDIVIDUAL

6. For just as the *body is one* and has *many members*,

B. THE BODY OF CHRIST ONE BODY (+many)

7. and all the *members of the body*,

though many, are *one body*,

so it is with *Christ*.

CHRIST (one and many)

8. For by *one Spirit* we were *all baptized* into *one body* -

Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -

SPIRIT

and all given to *drink of one Spirit*. (one and many)

9. For the body does *not* consist of *one member*

but of *many*.

ONE BODY (+many)

10a. If the *foot* should say,

C. THE PHYSICAL BODY

"Because I am *not a hand*, (a parable)

I do *not belong* to the body,"

that would *not make it any less* a part of the *body*.

b. And if the *ear* should say,

"Because I am *not an eye*, I DO NOT I do *not belong* to the body,"

that would **not make it any less** a part of the **body1**1.

11. If the **whole body** were an *eye*,

If the whole body were an ear, **NEEDED** where would be the sense of smell? 12. But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them as he chose. If all were a single organ, **GOD ARRANGES** where would the body be? **GOD CHOOSES** But as it is, there are *many parts*, yet one body. 13. The *eye* cannot say *to the hand*, "I have no need of you," **ALL ARE** nor again the head to the feet, **NEEDED** "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body 14a. which seem to be weaker are indispensable, And those *parts of the body* b. I AM which we think less honorable **INFERIOR** we invest with greater honor, and our unpresentable parts c. are treated with greater modesty, which our presentable parts do not require. But God has so adjusted the body, d. to the *inferior part*, giving the greater honor 15. that there may be *no discord* in the body.

B. THE BODY OF CHRIST but that the members may have the same care for one another. 16. If *one* member *suffers*, all suffer together; if *one* member is *honored*, all rejoice together. For you are the body of Christ 17. and individually members of it. _____ 18. God has appointed in the church A. A VARIETY OF GIFTS first apostles, second *prophets*, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then gifts in healing, helpers, administrators, **speakers** in various kinds of *tongues*. 19. Are all apostles? Are all *prophets*? Are all **teachers**? Do all work miracles?

Do all possess *gifts of healing*? Do all speak in **tongues**?

Do all *interpret*?

where would be the hearing?

ALL ARE