

Unity and Service in the Body of Christ:
Embracing Our Role and Purpose in the Church

OUTLINE

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- 1 Corinthians 12:12-19

1. The early church consisted of true _____.
2. As a church, we are commanded to _____ and _____.
3. One of the greatest subjects that we can study is understanding the concept of the _____ of Christ, and how each one of us play an important role in the church.

POINT 1- God has saved us and made us to _____ and _____.

- Matthew 10:40, Matthew 25:45

4. The phrase “the Body of Christ” is a common New Testament metaphor for the _____ for all who are truly saved.
- Romans 12:5
5. The baptism of the Holy Spirit happens at salvation and is for _____ believers (Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13). We are never commanded to seek it or pray for it.
6. Each of us has our own unique _____ that can contribute to Christ's work.
7. Disclaiming _____ does not remove it. Refusing to function as part of the body does not make us any less a part of the body or any less responsible for ministering within it.
8. To deny the importance of certain gifts is really to question God's _____ in distributing the spiritual gifts.

POINT 2- The human body analogy teaches us that in the Church, each unique contribution matters, fostering _____ under Christ's leadership and discouraging _____.