

BODY LIFE THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Sunday, May 17, 2026 -- ISERVE SUNDAY -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

1 CORINTHIANS 12:25–26

English Standard Version (ESV)

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ...

18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

A TRUE CHURCH...

1) Notice the Trinity's collaborative work in designing the church body:

God the Son's work in building the church vs. 12

God the Spirit's work in building the church vs 13

God the Father's work in building the church vs 18, 24

- A. This is the work of God, not man!
- B. A massive characteristic of the God-head is its relational nature.
- C. So it is with the Church body... it is relational.

2) Notice God's GOOD DESIGN for the Church:

A. God's good design for unified fellowship. vs 12 & 14

vs 25 -- no divisions among you.

Response to problem in ch 1:13

Possible sources of factions:

Different teachers

Different ethnicities

Different classes

Different politics

Different...

B. God's good design for true relationship. vs 26

- shared sorrow/pain
- shared joy.

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ROMANS 12:10

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

GALATIANS 6:2-3

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

MATTHEW 22:34-40

*34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: '**Love your neighbor as yourself.**' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

JOHN 13:34-35 Jesus speaking...

*34 "A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.** 35 **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**"*

Our CORE OBJECTIVES since 1963 —**1) WIN THE LOST.**

Luke 19:10 The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

2) DISCIPLE THE WON.

Matthew 28:20a Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

3) CARE FOR THE FELLOWSHIP.

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

A DAILY PRAYER OF ACTION for Each Covenant Member —

Heavenly Father, would you make me...

- *An EXPRESSION of Your LOVE.*
- *An EXTENSION of Your GRACE.*
- *An EXHIBITION of Your POWER.*