1 Corinthians 12:12 King James Version
12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

The body as a whole is an instrument of life. We are all brought together by “One Spirit,”

1 Corinthians 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

All these worketh that one mentioned here are the gifts of the spirit as God gives gifts to all who surrender their life unto Him. All of these gifts, work by the same Spirit of God.

Then Paul explains about the workings of these gifts in each individual as they serve the Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

When scripture refers to drinking, it is in reference of continuing to serve by His Spirit of truth in His way of righteousness. In our continuing to serve Him willingly through His Word, there is a continuous flow of His spirit flowing into the life of those under salvation. In drinking, spiritually we receive that which refreshes, strengthens, and nourishes us with life.

In this description of the body, Paul shows us how Holy Spirit engrafts us to the body of Christ as we serve the Word of God. In his descriptions, we see the whole body working together as one, just as our natural body functions and works together as one.

1 Corinthians 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.
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Even our natural body is not one member doing many functions, but it is made up of many members all working together as one.

In the natural realm, if the foot shall say to the hand….

1 Corinthians 12:15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

The natural body is one body of many members that work together to keep us going and functioning so that we can live. As a part of a corporate body we must continue to function as one unit to bring life. We cannot say I am not a part of the body because we cannot do things the way others can. We cannot refuse because we are all a part of Adams being as God created him, as a corporate body of many members.

1 Corinthians 12:16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

Every member is a part of the same body. Paul took particular care to explain the body members and their association because every part is vital for life in Christ. We all are members of the same body as we come under salvation.

1 Corinthians 12:20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

When the body comes together and functions as a whole, it is one body bringing life into being. Paul takes the time to explain the body in this way because this is the way we make up the corporate body of Christ. Every part or member is important as it functions as one unit together. Even the parts that seem to be unimportant or more feeble, are important.
*One Body*

1 Corinthians 12:21 *And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee:* nor again the head to the feet, *I have no need of you.* 22 Nay, much more *those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:*

Every part will not carry the same function, but they are necessary to honor God’s will to bringing life, one to another. So in God, we are being strengthened under salvation to help the weak who are still unsaved. They may seem like an uncomely part of the body, but they are a part of our life and vital to our survival as we serve God in His love. Showing God’s love will strengthen them to know that they are important and needed.

1 Corinthians 12:23 *And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.*

We are to lift up those who are weak rather than to criticize them. Their actions may not be great in your presence, but praise them for trying to do, and help them to do better by gently guiding them with the love of God.

Just like this pandemic; we are all in this together. Some may feel they are doing the right thing and others may be fearful and back away, but we all must keep on encouraging one another for the whole body of this nation, to make it. Whatever part fails is just one part, and the others will have to come together to help carry the load until they can come to terms with themselves. Criticizing will not help the situation to go away. Working together as one body will give support to the weaker areas and power to defeat the enemy.

Some are confused and frightened because their trust is not yet in Christ. As things grow worse, they will come around as they see no other way, but to put their trust in God and go on. Helping one another strengthens the whole body. We must learn to do the things that will build up hope and confidence in the body of Christ. It is crucial to survival.
One Body

1 Corinthians 12:24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

God has tempered the body together as many nations of believers are combined together, forming an organic structure, made up of individuals each with a specific function as they serve God. His Spirit prepares them for the work they are to do, to serve God in this life.

In this, there should be no schism, which is division. This interrupts the flow of God’s Spirit as He is leading us into eternal life in Him.

1 Corinthians 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

Paul says we should not do the things that create division and separation because we all need one another in order to survive.

1 Corinthians 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it: or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

In this earth, with so many individuals from different nations, we are still all from Adam which was one body. We became fractured through sin, and every man going his own way to please self. Now Christ is bringing us back together again to function as one body in His righteousness as He serves our Father in Heaven.

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

We all must function under the spiritual gifts set by Christ to continue serving Him.

1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do
all interpret?31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

The best gifts are those gifts we serve in God’s love. These gifts are all functioning under the power of God’s love for all. We do not have the authority to withhold anything from anybody as it is all given by the Spirit of God as He sees fit to give according to His will.

True love gives of God’s love, suffers long, and is kind. We cannot overstep our boundaries, choosing who we want to be a part of our life. We are already a part of each other and must learn to work together to continue serving the will of God.

Disciples are equipped by God to do the work of His presence through the body of Christ. Our works prove who we are in Christ as we operate under His spirit of truth.

We all come under the body of Christ as we serve Him. If we are not serving Christ by His Holy Spirit, then we are none of His.

Romans 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

We cannot live for God without the Spirit of Christ living on the inside of us as we surrender our life unto Him. The Holy Spirit quickens us as God speaks to know His will to be done. He has no spirit of error to do wrong against God’s truths.

Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Under salvation; it is no longer the flesh that leads us by our natural mind, but it is His spirit of truth in Christ, that now guides us into His righteousness in serving God.

Will you give your heart to Him today?
Most Precious Father in Heaven,
Please forgive me for the times that I did not recognize your will to be done in my life. Help me to be more of you and less of me to serve your will, as I try to serve you. I ask forgiveness for all of my sins as I have not served your will in all things. Forgive me for being doubtful and fearful under deceptions that have held me back from your truth as you have spoken. Help me to follow Christ in His righteousness as He follows your Word to bring us closer to you. In the mighty name of Jesus I ask these and all blessings, Amen.

(Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.)

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