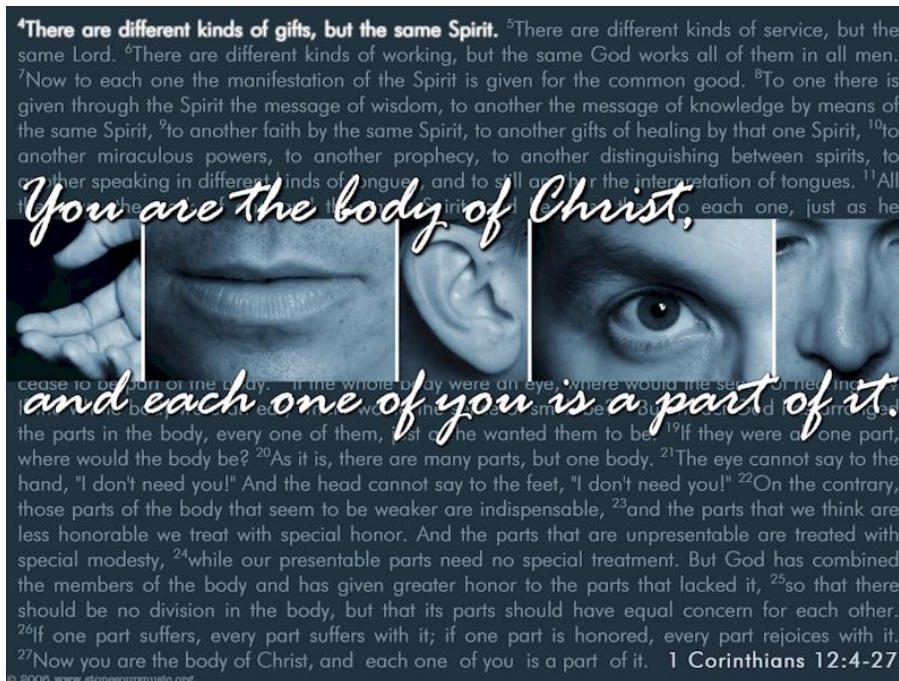


# SPRING QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015

**THEME: THE PRESENCE, POWER AND PROPERTIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## UNIT III – HIS PROPERTIES

### “ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL” (The Unifying Work of the Spirit)



**Sunday School Lesson XII – May 17, 2015**

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**Lesson Text:** I Corinthians 12:14-31

**Required Reading:** I Corinthians 12:14-31

**Motto Text:** I Corinthians 12:20 (KJV), *“But now are they many members, yet but one body.”*  
I Corinthians 12:20 (NLT), *“Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.”*

**Reliable Resources:** Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI); Word-Search 10 Electronic Library System; Barnes Notes on the New Testament MacArthur Study Bible; Transformed Living in Tough Times (pgs. 115-116); Spiritual Warfare by Dr. David Jeremiah; The Outline Bible by H. L. Willmington

#### **Introduction**

From “Helping Each Other” by Dr. J. E. Mathison: “When was the last time you played volleyball? You remember; there are two teams of six players on opposite sides of a net. The server on each team is on the back row. The object of the game is to get the ball over the net and not have it returned by the opposing team.

Now, who is the most important person on the team? Is it the server? The spikers? What about the other folks on the team in other positions? Are they on the team just to sit back and earn the glory of winning? No. Everyone on the team plays an important part. They each support the others and work towards a common goal.” **All for One and One for All!**

According to Precepts for Living by UMI, pg. 416, “Paul likened the church to a human body. He emphasized that every member has an important function just like the parts of the body. Each and every member contributes to the health and functioning of the whole body. This makes every believer a necessary part of the body of Christ... The apostle had already advised the church that their individual bodies were the temple of the Holy Spirit (6:19). As a balance, he illustrated the

similarity of the human body to the body of Christ (12:13). By breaking down the importance of each member, he made it clear that the church's body cannot afford to be divided for any reason, whether from outside influence or internal disagreement." In other words, "**ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL!**"

#### **Anticipated Power Points:**

- **The Relevance of Each Individual. I Corinthians 12:14-20**
- **The Reality of Spiritual Harmony. I Corinthians 12:21-26**
- **The Releasing of the Membership. I Corinthians 12:27-31**

## LESSON OUTLINE

### **I. The Relevance of Each Individual. I Corinthians 12:14-20**

#### **A. Each member in Christ's body is as important as the parts of our human bodies. vss. 12-13**

*"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. 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."* Every member of Christ's church is important and cannot function independently of itself, just as our human bodies cannot function independently of its parts. "**All for One and One for All!**" The eye, ear, etc. exists for the good of the whole body! (Read vss. 18 and 25).

#### **B. Each member is interdependent and cannot function in and of itself. vss. 14-20**

### **II. The Reality of Spiritual Harmony. I Corinthians 12:21-26**

The beauty of the church as a body is that we function as a symphony and the Lord Jesus is the Conductor! Verse 6 states, "**And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.**" Beloved, God's desire is to have all the members function for the greatest good of the body and the zenith of performance that causes all to see God's glory magnified to the heights of heaven. Psalm 150:6 says, "**Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.**" A solo is wonderful when performed with excellence. A group performing in unison is also great when the voices or movements are fully synchronized. But oh, what magnificence when the best of all the symphony or chorus can perform their parts contrapuntally and move over and against each other with the greatest of harmony. Beloved, this is masterful and lifts one's soul to the highest heights! This is what God wants of His people in the church, to perform our individual duties and work harmoniously, and all would shout, "What a mighty God!" Why? Because "**All for One and One for All!**"

As the hymn writer says: "To God be the glory, Great things He has done, So loved He the world, That He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life An atonement for sin, And opened the life gate That all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice; O come to the Father, Through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, Great things He has done." Now Paul says, "**That there should be no schism in the body...**" (vs. 25a). No division, no dissension, no ripping each other apart, because we are one body, one garment, one fellowship and truly one people.

### **III. The Releasing of the Membership. I Corinthians 12:27-31**

Paul closes this chapter concerning Spiritual gifts by reviewing some of the gifts, no doubt, with which the Corinthians needed help. He also demonstrates to them that the Body of Christ is made up of many members and, when used properly in their given areas, make up the whole! Now every part of the body of Christ is important, but the glue that binds us together is the unconditional love of Christ. So guided by the Holy Spirit and lubricated by God's unconditional love, the membership of Christ is released to perform their God-given responsibilities to uphold and maintain the Church, the Body of Christ. Let all the body function in the way we have been created and learn how to operate in the lanes in which we have been placed, unless we find ourselves shipwrecked and mis-wired on this journey.

## Closing

In our next lesson we will learn how to operate in the love of the Master. "*...and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.*" **ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL!**

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**Looking Ahead:      May 24, 2015      Acts 2:1-7, 12; I Corinthians 14:13-19**

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