

Designed deliberately different

1 Corinthians 12:12-31, p. 931

- I. ALL ONE: ALL BELIEVERS BELONG TO CHRIST AND HAVE THE SPIRIT (1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14).
 - A. Christ – All believers belong to Christ like all parts of a human body belong to a single body (12:12).
 - B. Holy Spirit – All believers are baptized by the one Holy Spirit but are different like parts of the human body (12:13-14).

- II. EACH DIFFERENT: BELIEVERS EACH BENEFIT THE CHURCH DIFFERENTLY (1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-26).
 - A. Don't compare or envy or demean someone's more public gift (foot/hand and ear/eyes – 12:15-21).
 - B. Don't ignore, but honor the less obvious gifts and private ministries (internal organs/private parts – 12:22-24).
 - C. God distributed spiritual gifts so we can best care for each other and suffer and rejoice together (12:25-26).

- III. APPLICATION: VALUE THE GIFTS OF EVERYONE ELSE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 12:27-31).
 - A. We are ALL one body, so EACH one is important (12:27).
 - B. We all need spiritual gifts exactly as God gave them (12:28-31).
 - Spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament – See handout