

CHRIST THE HEAD AND BELIEVERS HIS BODY pt 2

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A. 3 aspects can be noted here about the Church as the Body of Christ:

1) The Church is a self developing body! (Eph. 4:11-16) (last time) review

2) The members of the Body are assigned & gifted to _____ within the body!

Ephesians 4

* There is really only _____ universal _____ that all believers are a part of & it is the _____
_____! (Eph. 4:4; 1: 22-23)

1) This body is a reference to the _____ church. This body is a living _____
connected to its Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, and it refers to all believers _____ from
Pentecost to the rapture no matter what their physical location.

2) This universal organism is reflected tangibly in _____ churches like GGBC.

1 Corinthians 12:7-ff

1. The manifestation (gifts) of the Spirit are always given for the benefit of _____, never
for _____.

2. It is the Holy Spirit who _____ bestows these gifts to those in the body as _____.

* How did all this take place? (12:12-13)

3. Although there is only _____ Body of Christ, that body has _____ individual members that
make up that body.

4. Through faith in _____ we were all _____ (sp. ID with or placed into) the Body of Christ.

5. In fact, the body is not just _____ member, but it is made up of _____ members, and _____ are
important & _____ as part of the Body of Christ!

6. God has set the members into the body as it pleased _____, not _____!

* Why is this stated again?

* Why Has God planned & done this?

7. Since every part of our _____ body is important & needed to function as God intended, so also, every believer in the Body of Christ is _____ & _____ for service for Christ!

8. Thus every believer is _____ & _____ for specific _____ in the body of Christ!

* Why did God design the body of Christ this way? vs 25-26

Romans 12:3-8

1. Although individually gifted, God has not purposed that we use these gifts _____ but as part of a grace _____ of _____ in the body of Christ.

2. Since this gifting is not according to merit, but according to the _____ of God, let us use our gifts within the body on that _____.

1 Peter 4:7-11

1. As each one has received a spiritual gift, _____ it (_____ it) for the _____ of the one another's in the body.

2. God's grace in gifting you for service in the body is said to be _____, meaning many different _____ of spiritual gifts!

3. The members of the body are assigned & gifted to _____, but _____ areas of _____ within the body!

4. This means that God wants to use _____ in the body of Christ for the _____!