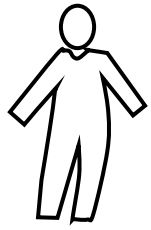


THINK ON
THESE
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PHILIPPIANS 4:8

There Is One Body



THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Eph. 4:1-16

- **A Plea for Unity**
 - **The Plea**
 - **The Manner**
 - **The Aim**
 - **The Reason**

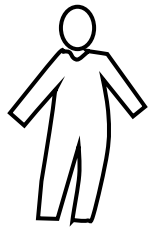
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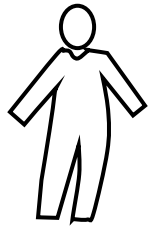
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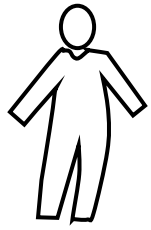
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- **The Unity of the Church** **vv. 7-16**
 - **Different Parts of the Body** **vv. 7-11**
 - **Reasons for the Positions** **vv. 11, 12**
 - **The End Goal** **vv. 13-15**
 - **The United Body** **v. 16**



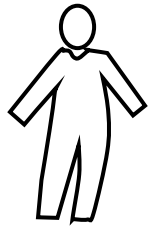
WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **God Desires Unity!**
 - **As Seen in the Prayer of Jesus**
John 17:20-23
 - **As Seen in the Pleas of Paul**
1st Corinthians 1:10
 - **Locally and Universally**



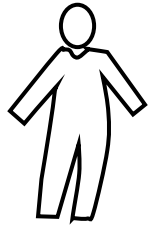
WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **God & Man Have a Part in This Unity**
 - **Man: Endeavoring**
Eph. 4:3; Heb. 4:11; 2nd Tim. 2:15
 - **Man: Each Does His Part**
Ephesians 4:12-13, 16
 - **God: Positions Established in the Church**
Ephesians 4:11, 12



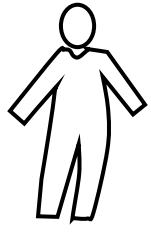
WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **There is One Head: Christ**
 - **We Are in Subjection to Him**
Ephesians 5:24, 33; 6:6
 - **He Alone is Head**
Colossians 1:18; Matthew 28:18



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **We Need to be a Part of THIS Body**
 - **The Lord Adds the Saved**
Acts 2:41, 47; Mark 16:16
 - **I Must Join With a Local Church**
Acts 9:26-28



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **Division is Unacceptable**

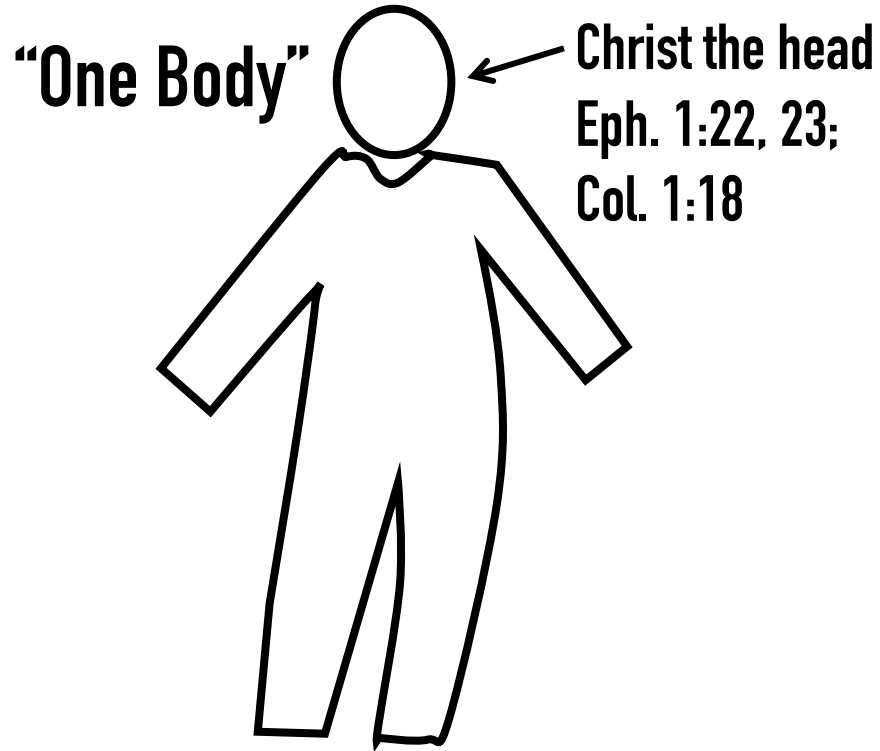
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1st Corinthians 1:10; 12:25

- **Universally**

THE CHURCH: THE BODY OF CHRIST (Eph. 4:4; 1:20–23)

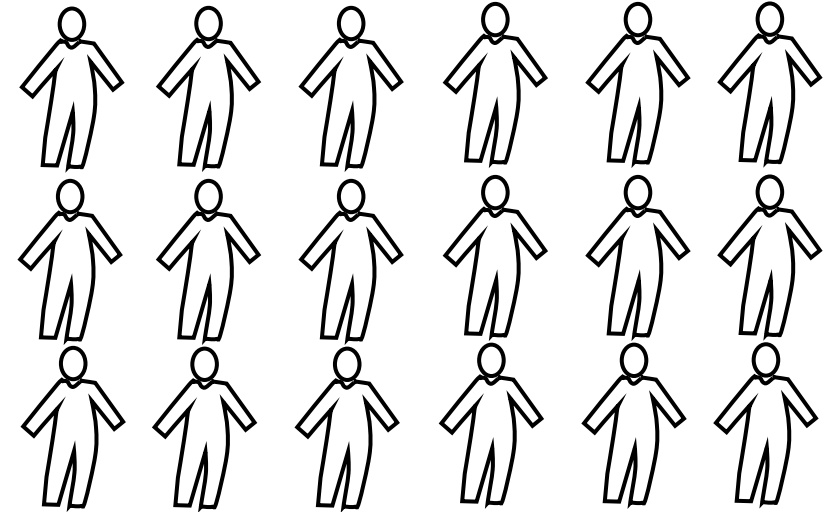
The church of God's design



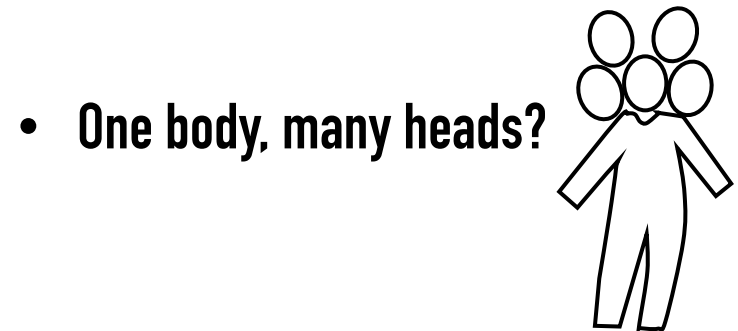
1st Cor. 12:12, 14, 20, 27
Eph. 4:4–6; 5:24

- Members of one body *individually*
- Members subject to Christ, the head

The church of man's design



- Many bodies?
- Many heads?



**BUT
NOW...**
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