

CALLED TO BE SAINTS TOGETHER

More Than ‘Jesus and Me’

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (ESV)

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵**If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,”** that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, **“Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,”** that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹**The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”** ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Where are we and how did we get here?

What creates a church?

What is the nature of the church?

How is the church today to be like Jesus was when He was on earth?

What does it mean to be a church?

Why do I need the church (and vice versa)?

We are ...

The church is ...

I must ...

My response today: