



# First Corinthians

## Instructions to the Church

*1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV)* To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:

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### I. ONE BODY, WITH DIRECTION!

#### A. The body is a Unit v.12

<sup>12</sup> The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

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### I. ONE BODY, WITH DIRECTION!

#### B. The church is a Unit vs.13-14

<sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

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### II. ONE BODY, WITH DIVERSITY!

#### A. Diversity is necessary to fully experience life.

##### vs.15-17

<sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.

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### II. ONE BODY, WITH DIVERSITY!

**A. Diversity is necessary to fully experience life.**

**vs.15-17**

<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

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### II. ONE BODY, WITH DIVERSITY!

#### B. God created diversity vs.18-19

<sup>18</sup> But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be?

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### III. ONE BODY, WITHOUT DEPRECIATION!

#### A. Visible parts need the invisible parts. vs.20-21

<sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

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### III. ONE BODY, WITHOUT DEPRECIATION!

#### B. The invisible parts are special. vs.22-24

<sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,



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#### B. The invisible parts are special. vs.22-24

<sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

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### **IV. ONE BODY, WITH DEPENDENCE!**

#### **A. A Dependence upon each part. vs.25-26**

<sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

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### IV. ONE BODY, WITH DEPENDENCE!

#### B. A Dependence upon each person. vs.27

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

*He has no hands but our hands to do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way;  
He has no voice but our voice to tell men how He died;  
He has no help but our help to lead them to His side.*  
(William Barclay)

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### **V. ONE BODY, WITHOUT DO ALL'S!**

#### **A. God's Messengers v.28**

<sup>28</sup> And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.

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### V. ONE BODY, WITHOUT DO ALL'S!

#### B. God's Message v.29-30

<sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way.



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