

# Seven great truths concerning the church

- 1) There is One Body! (Eph.4:4)
- 2) Christ is the Head of the body the church (Eph. 5:23; Col.1:18).  
Eph. 1:23 “the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all”.
- 3) ALL believers are members of the body. (Acts 2:47) – “... and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” I Cor. 12:12-26 is the classic passage on the members of Christ’s body.

# The members of Christ's body (1 Cor.12:12-26)

- 1) There are many members (12-14)
- 2) EVERY member has a function to perform (15-17)
- 3) Not all the members have the same function (19)
- 4) The welfare of the body depends on ALL the members working together (21-23)
- 5) Because all the members need each other, there is no cause for envy or discontent (15-17); or for pride and independence of the other (21)
- 6) Because all are members of one body, there should be mutual love, care, sympathy and joy. (23-26)

## (4)The Holy Spirit is the Representative of Christ in the Church

- What are the Holy Spirit's activities in the church? (John 14:16, 26)
  - 1) He leads the Christians in their worship (Eph.2:18)
  - 2) He inspires their prayers (Rom.8:26-27)
  - 3) He empowers their preaching (I Thess. 1:5)
  - 4) He guides them in their activities (Acts 13:2; Acts. 16:6-7)
  - 5) He raises up overseers for the church (Acts 20:28)
  - 6) He bestows gifts for its growth and effectiveness (Eph.4:11,12)
  - 7) He guides believers into all truth (John 16:13)

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- 5) The **church of God is holy** (**1 Cor.3:17**)
- 6) **Gifts are given by Christ for edification** of the church (**Eph.4:11-12**)
  - In **1 Cor. 12:8-28** we see the Holy Spirit giving the body of Christ spiritual gifts for specific services. Here we see that **Spirit filled men** are themselves the gifts to the church.
- 7) **All believers are priests of God.** (**1 Pet.2:5,9**)