



Week 5
Sermon Series: Rich Spiritual Worship
Sermon Title: "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20
Study Handout Week of: October 3, 2021
Group Week of: October 10, 2021
Sermon Date: October 17, 2021

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	The Body of Christ – Romans 12:3-8
Day 2	The Temple of God – 1 Peter 2:1-11
Day 3	The Baptism of the Spirit – Acts 1:1-5
Day 4	The Baptism of the Spirit – Acts 2:1-13
Day 5	The Baptism of the Spirit – Acts 11:1-18

The Text

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Paul are speaking to the Corinthians (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What is the purpose of illustrating the body of Christ with a physical human body?
- 3) Who decides where each part of the body will be? Why is this an important piece of information?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Paul opens in verse 12 by reminding the Corinthians that Christ's body is "one" with many parts. Thinking about the unity of the church, how would you describe what it means for the church to be "one"? After giving a definition, answer whether or not you are living up to your own definition of oneness and share your answer with the group.

- 2) Every true member of the Church has been baptized by the same Spirit – The Holy Spirit. Through this common act, we all become members of one body. Do you see yourself as someone who has been baptized "in the Holy Spirit"? If yes, how has this shaped your identity. If not, what do you think you are missing out on because you do not see yourself this way?

- 3) Worldly distinctions like Jew and Gentile or Slave and Free are erased in our common Baptism in the Spirit. How do worldly divisions continue to make their way into the church today? What can be done about this using the doctrine of Baptism?

- 4) The complexity of the human body is incredible. So many parts come together to form a functioning human. Reflect for a moment on the Body of Christ as illustrated by a human body. Write your reflections below and share them with your group.

- 5) It is common for people to disdain their station in life and seek one that they think is better. Where/When/Why have you coveted someone else's life or Where/When/Why have you been resentful of your own? Share your answers with your group.

- 6) What is your spiritual gift? If you don't know, what spiritual gift would you like? Which spiritual gift would you not like to have? Share your answers with your group.

- 7) Oftentimes, not being able to use the gift we want prevents us from serving where God might be calling us to serve. Reflect and see if this is happening in your life. If you are not serving, why not? Has not using the gift you want to use, prevented you from serving the Lord where you are needed?

- 8) The Body needs our service. Commit to serving and pray for one another to serve well.