



## Part 7: THE BODY OF CHRIST 1 Cor. 12:12-27 Nov.15, 2020

- Even though each part or member of a human body may look different or have a different function within the body, each is valuable and integral to the functioning of the whole.
- Jesus had feet that moved to share the good news, hands that healed the sick, arms that embraced the outcast, eyes that looked with compassion, ears that listened to people's trouble, a nose to appreciate the fragrance of worship, a mouth that spoke the good news of God's love - Every part of Jesus' body functioned together with a singular purpose. Ultimately, this perfect functioning body was given in sacrifice for our sin upon the cross.
- Just as the physical body of Christ functioned in this world 2000 years ago, we come together with one another today to form the body of Christ today. Jesus' physical body is absent - Jesus' spiritual body is now present!
- However noticed or unnoticed we may feel is not important, what is important is what God notices, he has made you to function in a specific and unique way within the body. The question for us is: Am I serving and ministering in the way God has designed me and gifted me?
- God looks at you and desires that you would fulfill your unique function in the body and He is willing to provide every opportunity to discover it, every bit of strength to carry it out - if you will come to him with a humble heart.

## :: LIFE APPLICATION

- 1) What stood out in today's message for you? Why?
- 2) What part or system of the human body fascinates you? When have you noticed the injury of a small part affecting your whole body's functioning?
- 3) When have you felt like you were insignificant and underappreciated as a member of the Body of Christ? When have you felt honoured and appreciated?
- 4) Is your function in the Body of Christ something that often gets recognized publicly or is hidden from most people's view? What helps you to avoid the pitfalls of pride or envy with your particular gifting?
- 5) Read 1 Corinthians 12:26. When have you experienced this reality in your Christian life? What does it mean for how you will interact with fellow Christians this week?