

Questions on 1 Corinthians chapter 12

1. Of what were the Corinthians ignorant and what was their former condition? Verses 1-2.

2. How could the Corinthians know that those possessing spiritual gifts actually spoke by the Holy Spirit? Verse 3.

3. Who bestows the gifts? Who is served by means of them? Who is the First Cause of all the gifts? Verses 4-6.

4. What was the purpose of the gifts? Verse 7.

5. How many gifts are named and what were they? Verses 8-10.

6. How does Paul counteract the claim of some that the gift of tongues was an indication of superiority? Verse 11.

7. To what does Paul compare the body of Christ? Verse 12.

8. What is the meaning of the statement that by one Spirit all were baptized into one body? Verse 13.

9. What is Paul's argument here for the necessity of preserving the unity of the body of Christ? Verse 14.

10. How did Paul correct the apparent misunderstanding of some that they were not essential to the body because they did not have gifts deemed more important? Verses 15-16.

11. The human body requires members endowed with different functions. How is that like the body of Christ? Verse 17.

12. How would complaining about the gifts a member possesses be a reflection upon God's wisdom? Verse 18.

13. What would the church be like if all had the same gift? Verse 19.

14. Can you explain what is meant by the phrase “but one body”? Verse 20.

15. How does the interdependence of the body make pride over superior gifts absurd? Verse 21.

16. Are those members of the body thought to be feeble or unnecessary? Verse 22.

17. What honor do we bestow upon our uncomely (shameful, disrespectful, indecent) parts and how does this show how to treat the less honorable members of the church? Verse 23.

18. Why do the comely parts have no need? How does man’s evaluation frequently differ from God’s? Verse 24.

19. How does the human body teach us that there should be no schism in the church? Verse 25.

20. How is the condition in this verse impossible if either schism or indifference prevails? Verse 26.

21. What was the relation of the Corinthian Christians to the body of Christ? Verse 27.

22. Who ordained the functions of the church? In order of importance, where does God place tongue-speakers, the ones the Corinthians thought most important? Verse 28.

23. What is the answer to these rhetorical questions? Verses 29-30.

24. Rather than aspiring to gifts that produce amazement, to what should Christians aspire? Verse 31.