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Unity in the Body of Christ

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NIV)

- As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
- (2) Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
- (3) Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- (4) There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—
- (5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
- ⁽⁶⁾ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

One Body, Many Parts

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NIV)

- up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.
- (13) 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.
- of one part but of many.

- (19) If they were all one part, where would the body be?
- (20) As it is, there are many parts, but one body.
- division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.
- ⁽²⁶⁾ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
- (27) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

John 15:16 (NIV)

(16) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last.

Attitude

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

- (5) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
- ⁽⁶⁾ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
- (7) but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- (8) And being found in appearance

as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

1 John 2:6 (NIV)⁽⁶⁾ Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.