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CORINTHIANS:

unity of **CHRIST** displayed in the **BODY**

Functioning as a Body

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I. God's development of the local church
(vv. 12-20).

A. God causes all believers to drink of one
Spirit (vv. 12-23).

B. The diversity within the body (vv. 14-20).

II. God's design for the local church
(vv. 21-26).

A. Believers are dependent on one another
(vv. 21-24a).

B. Believers are devoted to one another
(vv. 24b-26).

- III. God's desire for the local church (vv. 27-31).
 - A. God uses everyone differently (vv. 27-30).
 - B. God wants us to demonstrate love (v. 31).

Why is it important for me to be a member of a local church?

1. The NT takes it for granted that believers will join with others in a local church.
2. The pictures of the church only make sense when we meet together.
3. The local church is the special provision made by the Lord Jesus for fellowship, discipline, worship, instruction, and service.

Conclusion:

How are you doing at functioning within the body?