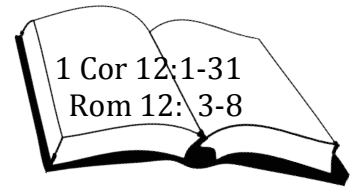


Unity in our Diversity

1 Corinthians
Lesson 23
Weds 7/25/2018



In our last lesson we considered the topic of spiritual gifts. Now we will get back into the flow of the text.

1. In vs 4-6, Paul notes 3 areas of differences between Christians. List each of the 3 areas, & what each one means. (It may help you to look at different translations.)

2. **A.** Despite these *differences*, what is the same about them? (vs 4-6, 11)

B. What is the purpose for these differences? (vs 7, vs 3)

3. Paul uses the human body as an example we can easily understand, to illustrate his points about Christ's spiritual body (the church). Explain his human body illustration – what are his **physical** points in:
 - A. Vs 15-16

 - B. Vs 17-19

 - C. Vs 20-22

 - D. Vs 23-24

4. What is the spiritual parallel Paul makes in vs 27-30?

5. Paul makes the same point – in a condensed format – in Rom 12:3-8, & similarly in Eph 4:1-7 & :11-16. What *difference* do you see in the gifts listed in *those* passages, from 1 Cor 12:8-10?

6. There are not miraculous spiritual gifts today, but these principles still apply. **How do we put them in use in the church today?** [consider your answers to each section of question 3]; [also look at 1 Cor 12:25-26, :12-14]; [also consider Eph 4:1-7 & :11-16, Rom 12:3-8]

7. From the passages we've looked at, why do some people have different or stronger spiritual abilities than me? Is this a good thing or a bad thing?