

TODAY,,, I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT "OUR BODIES"!

SCRIPTURE TELLS US,,, THAT PHYSICALLY,,, EACH OF US,,, HAVE ONE BODY,,, BUT WITH MANY PARTS,,, AND THAT ALL OUR BODY PARTS,,, THOUGH MANY,,, MAKE UP JUST ONE BODY!

THE SAME THING IS TRUE OF OUR SPIRIT AND THROUGH BAPTISM,,, WE ARE ONE CHURCH,,, ONE BODY IN JESUS!

THE HUMAN BODY IS TRULY AMAZING AND HERE ARE SOME FACTS,,, THAT YOU MIGHT NOT REALIZE,,, ABOUT YOUR BODY:

(* THE BRAIN OPERATES ON ABOUT THE SAME POWER AS A 10 WATT LIGHT BULB,,, EVEN WHILE YOU'RE ASLEEP.

(* 80% OF THE BRAIN IS WATER.

(* NERVE IMPULSES,,, TO AND FROM THE BRAIN,,, TRAVEL AS FAST AS,,, 170 MPH.

(* DAILY,,, WE LOSE ABOUT 60-100 STRANDS OF HAIR? AND WOMEN'S HAIR IS ABOUT ½ THE DIAMETER OF MEN'S.

(* FINGERNAILS GROW 4 TIMES FASTER THAN TOENAILS.

(* THE LARGEST INTERNAL ORGAN IN OUR BODY,,, IS THE SMALL INTESTINE.

(* THE HUMAN HEART CREATES ENOUGH PRESSURE,,, TO SHOOT BLOOD 30 FEET.

(* THE ACID IN YOUR STOMACH,,, IS STRONG ENOUGH,,, TO DISOLVE A RAZOR BLADE.

(LET'S NOT TRY THIS AT HOME, OK?)

(* YOUR LEFT LUNG IS SMALLER THAN YOUR RIGHT,,, TO MAKE ROOM FOR YOUR HUGE HEARTS.

UNLESS YOU'RE THE GRINCH!

(* YOUR FEET,,, HAVE 500,000 SWEAT GLANDS,,, THAT CAN PRODUCE A PINT OF SWEAT A DAY.

(*) YOUR NOSE,,, CAN REMEMBER AS MANY AS 50,000 DIFFERENT SCENTS.

(*) FROM BIRTH,,, YOUR EYES ARE ALWAYS THE SAME SIZE BUT YOUR EARS NEVER STOP GROWING.

(*) IT TAKE 17 MUSCLES TO SMILE,,, BUT,,, 43 TO FROWN.

(*) BABIES ARE BORN WITH 300 BONES,, BUT BY ADULTHOOD,,, IT'S REDUCED TO 206.

(*) HUMANS ARE THE ONLY LIVING BEING THAT CAN PRODUCE EMOTIONAL TEARS.

(*) EVERY DAY,,, OUR BODIES PRODUCE 300 BILLION NEW CELLS.

TRULY,,, EACH ONE OF US,,, BROTHERS AND SISTERS,,, ARE AN AMAZING MIRACLE,,, AREN'Y WE?

IN **PSALM 139,,, THE PSALMIST SAID:**

“WE ARE INDEED FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE”

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ILLUSTRATION,,, THAT THE APOSTLE PAUL GOES TO,,, WHEN HE WRITES ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR THE CHURCH;

“AS A BODY IS ONE,,, THOUGH IT HAS MANY PARTS,,, AND ALL THE PARTS OF THE BODY,,, THOUGH MANY,,, ARE ONE BODY,,, SO ALSO CHRIST” (1 COR. 12: 12)

THIS IS WHERE JESUS WOULD BE ARRESTED AND WHERE HE PRAYED TO HIS FATHER SAYING:

“FATHER,,, MAKE THEM ONE,,, AS WE ARE ONE”

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,,, WE WERE ALL ON HIS HEART AND MIND,,, BEFORE HIS JOURNEY TO THE CROSS,,, FOR US! JESUS,,, AND THE APOSTLES MIGHT HAVE BEEN THINKING: HOW IN THE WORLD,,, DO YOU MAKE JEWS AND GENTILES ONE BODY? HOW DO YOU MAKE MEN AND WOMEN ONE?

HOW DO YOU MAKE ZEALOTS AND TAX COLLECTORS,,, ONE BODY? HOW CAN THIS BE POSSIBLE?

THE WORD OF GOD SAYS IN (**1 COR. 12: VS 13**):

“FOR WE ARE ALL BAPTIZED BY ONE SPIRIT,,, SO AS TO FORM ONE BODY. WHETHER JEWS OR GENTILES,,, SLAVE OR FREE,,, AND WE ARE ALL GIVEN THE ONE SPIRIT TO DRINK.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT,,, IS THE FORCE GOD USES TO CONVICT THE WORLD,,, OF SIN. (**JOHN 16:8**) IT’S WHAT CUT OUR HEARTS IN **ACTS 2**,,, WHICH LED TO REPENTANCE AND BAPTISM,,, SO THAT BELIEVER’S COULD EXPERIENCE FORGIVENESS,,, OF THOSE SINS,,, AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE SPIRIT CALLS,,, AND WE ANSWER IN FAITH,,, OR,,, WE CHOOSE TO IGNORE HIM.

JESUS EXPLAINED TO NICODEMUS;

UNLESS WE ARE BORN AGAIN,,, BY WATER THE HOLY SPIRIT,,, WE CANNOT SEE,,, OR ENTER,,, GOD’S KINGDOM. (JOHN 3)

GOD DESIGNED US,,, HIS FAMILY,,, TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT! THERE MUST BE THE FRUIT OF REPENTANCE,,, IN OUR TRANSFORMED,,, “HOLY SPIRIT LED” ATTITUDES,,, THAT SHOW OUR TRUE KINGDOM PRIORITIES.

JESUS IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY! IT’S HIS WORD,,, HIS THOUGHTS,,, HIS PLAN AND HIS ATTITUDE,,, THAT SHOULD AFFECT ALL OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS AND ACTIONS.

THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES THOSE THINGS KNOWN TO THE MOUTH,,, ARMS,,, LEGS,,, HANDS AND FEET,,, SO THAT THE BODY FUNCTIONS AS THE FATHER DESIGNED IT!

SO,,, WHAT HAPPENS,,, WHEN DIFFERENT BODY PARTS,,, STOP RECEIVING MESSAGES,,, FROM THE HEAD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL,,, USES SOME QUITE STRONG HUMOR,,, IN **1 COR. 12**,,, AND SOME SARCASM AS WELL.

HE GIVES *THE ABILITY TO ARGUE WITH EACH OTHER*,,, TO OUR FEET,,, HANDS,,, EYES,,, NOSES AND MOUTH,,, AND HE PRETENDS,,, THAT THEY REVOLT,,, THERE'S A KIND OF,,, MUTINY GOING ON!

HANDS ARE *SLAPPING OTHER BODY PARTS*,,, FEET ARE *RUNNING,,, BUT,,, IN OTHER DIRECTIONS*,,, EARS ARE *GOING; "WHAT?,,, I CAN'T HEAR YOU"*.

NOSES ARE *TELLING YOU THAT; YOU SMELL*,,, AND MOUTHS ARE SAYING; *YOU ALL LISTEN TO ME,,, LISTEN UP!* THIS IS HAPPENING,,, BECAUSE,,, THE DIFFERENT PARTS,,, THINK THEY DON'T NEED THE OTHER PARTS. BUT THE MAIN ISSUE IS; THAT THE HANDS,,, FEET,,, EARS,,, AND MOUTHS,,, DON'T OPERATE WELL,,, ON THE OWN,,,

THE IMPULSE TO DO THEIR JOB,,, COMES FROM THE HEAD!

IN REALITY,,, IF DIFFERENT BODY PARTS START GETTING MIXED SIGNALS,,, OR,,, NO SIGNALS AT ALL,,, THERE WOULD BE A DISEASE OR INJURY TO THE BODY,,, AND IT COULD SHUT DOWN. THE BODY COULD BE PARALYZED.

THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE BODY OF CHRIST! CHRIST IS THE HEAD,,, AND HE NEVER SENDS MIXED SIGNALS,,, THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. HOWEVER,,, IF SOMETHING BLOCKS THOSE SIGNALS,,, THE BODY CAN SUFFER AND FAIL TO FUNCTION AS GOD DESIGNED IT.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,,, IF YOU'RE PARALYZED,,, OR,,, INACTIVE IN YOUR FAITH,,, REMEMBER;

"IF YOU CUT YOURSELF OFF FROM THE BODY,,, THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES".

WE ARE BRANCHES,,, CONNECTED TO THE VINE,,, AS WELL AS EACH OTHER,,, FOR GOD'S PURPOSE.

ALSO KNOW THAT; THE HEART IS MORE INDISPENSABLE THAN THE MOUTH. ONE YOU CAN SEE AND THE OTHER,,, YOU CAN'T,,, AS IT SAYS IN; (**1 Cor. 13; VS 18**);

“GOD HAS PLACED THE PARTS OF THE BODY,,, EVERY ONE OF THEM,,, JUST AS HE WANTED THEM TO BE”

EACH GIFT IS DIFFERENT AND EACH PERSON,,, IN THE FAMILY OF GOD,,, AT ST BARNABAS,,, IS DIFFERENT.

BUT YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST,,, WITHOUT A PURPOSE.

THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT,,, THAT ALLOWS YOUR MOUTH TO SPEAK THE TRUTH OF GOD,,, ALLOWS YOUR HEART TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS.

SOME,,, WILL BE CALLED TO SERVE IN WAYS THAT CAN BE SEEN BY OTHERS,,, SOME MAY NOT,,, BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ONE BETTER,,, OR MORE INDISPENSIBLE,,, THAN THE OTHER.

GOD HAS CHOSEN SOME TO SERVE AS SERVANTS,,, OTHERS TO BE TEACHERS,,, ADMINISTRATORS,,, PROPHETS,,, GIFTS OF HEALING,,, PREACHING,,, TO PERFORM GREAT WORKS.

BUT TO PROVE THE POINT,,, ST PAUL ALSO ASKS; ARE ALL APOSTLES,,, ARE ALL PROPHETS,,, ARE ALL TEACHERS,,, DO ALL DO MIGHTY DEEDS,,, DO ALL HEAL,,, NO,,, BUT ALL ARE IMPORTANT WITHIN THE BODY,,, ***IN 1 COR. 12; 28***.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,,, THE BODY OF CHRIST NEEDS YOU,,, IN AT THE HEART,,, SO THAT THE MOUTH CAN SPEAK. THE MOUTH IS SEEN AND HEARD,,, BUT THE HEART,,, ISN'T. YET,,, BOTH ARE VITAL AND SO THE BODY CAN FUNCTION!

UNLESS JESUS IS THE HEAD OF EVERYTHING THAT WE DO,,, AND WHY WE DO IT,,, ***THEN WE DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR PLACE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.***

WHEN YOU COME THROUGH THE DOOR OF THIS CHURCH,,, ***WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING TO GOD?***

AND WHEN YOU WALK OUT,,, THROUGH THAT DOOR,,,
WHAT ARE YOU TAKING WITH YOU,,, TO GODS GLORY?

THE CHURCH IS FILLED WITH PEOPLE! SOME ARE
MATURE IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST,,, SOME ARE YET
GROWING!

WE ARE ALL SINNERS,,, WHO HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THE
GLORY OF GOD,,, BUT WE HAVE BEEN SAVED BY GRACE.
AMONG WHOM,,, I AM “**THE MOST THANKFUL**” FOR GOD’S
GRACE.

NO,,, GETTING TO WHERE GOD WANTS US TO GO,,, ISN’T
EASY.

SOMETIMES,,, IN THIS RAT RACE,,, THAT WE CALL LIFE,,,
SOMETHING JUST SNAPS,,, AND WE STUMBLE!

BUT WE HAVE THE COMFORT,,, OF KNOWING,,, THAT WE
HAVE A SAVIOR,,, WHO’S ALWAYS WITH US,,, TO SAVE US TO
LIFT US UP AGAIN.

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER,,, IN THIS BATTLE OF
LIFE,,, SO THE KINGDOM OF GOD,,, WILL BE SEEN,,, IN OUR
LIVES,,, TO GOD’S GLORY.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,,, LET US PRAY,,, AS JUSTIFIED
MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST,,, THAT WE ALLOW THE
HOLY SPIRIT,,, TO LEAD AND EMPOWER US,,, AS CHRIST’S
BODY,,, TO WHERE AND HOW,,, HE WANTS US TO LIVE,,,
EACH DAY,,, UNTIL WE ENTER ETERNITY,,, WITH THE
FATHER,,, THE SON,,, THE HOLY SPIRIT,,, AND ALL OF THE
HEAVENLY HOST.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

AMEN

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