The Body Is...

Introduction: The human body is an amazing thing. Many different parts with various functions. We often take those parts for granted until something happens. Muscles can quickly decline, organs stop functioning properly and we get sick or worse. When every organ, muscle, is working properly the body can do amazing things. Is it any wonder the inspired writer used the analogy of the physical body and spiritual body to teach us some important lessons in **1 Corinthians 12.12-31**

**A) The relationship between the body and its members, v. 12**

1. All Christians are members of the body of Christ.

2. None are excluded, if one is saved they are a part of the body.

**B) How does one become a "member of the body of Christ", v. 13**

1. The means of entrance was revealed by the Holy Spirit, **John 16.13**

2. The Apostles on the Day of Pentecost answered in **Acts 2.38.**

3. One is baptized into the body of Christ**, Galatians 3.27-28**

**C) Our relationship or responsibility, or fellowship in that body, v. 14**

1. Body parts have a purpose, they are to work together for the good of the body.

2. For the body to work its members have to work.

**D) Different Body Parts, v. 15**

1. Hand, foot, eye are all body parts.

2. Why do we have a hand, eye, or foot? To hold things, to see, to walk. To function!

**E) God created the body to have different parts and functions, v. 18**

1. **Psalm 139.14** "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" so is the church!

2. The church is made up of different members with different functions but only one body, **v. 19-20**

**F) This leads to the possibility of a disjointed body, v. 21**

1. One part or member not working with the other members in the body.

2. Corinth was a congregation with disjointed members.

3. Why? I have no need of you, stronger to the weaker members, **v. 22.**

**G) Fact: body parts are different, v. 23-25**

1. Some parts are stronger than others, we have "big muscles and small muscles"

2. Some parts we emphasize such as the eyes and others we cover up.

**H) We need and depend on each other, v. 26**

1. Try walking without your feet, big toe. Try tying a knot without your hands.

2. My making it to heaven is related to you making it to heaven.

3. There are no vessel organs in the body of Christ.

4. All are part of Christ's body, **v. 27**

**I) Application**

1. Christ expects every member to do its part.

2. We need every member to do their part for the sake of ourselves, our brethren.

Conclusion: The body is where I function and serve God.