The Body Is...

Introduction: The human body is an amazing thing. 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 , v. 12**

1. Who makes up the body of Christ?

2. Can a person be saved outside 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 , **John 16.13, Acts 2.38.**

2. When does one enter the body of Christ?  **Galatians 3.27-28**

**C) Our 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. When does the body work?

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

1. What does the hand, foot, and eye have in common?

2. Why do we have a hand, eye, or foot?

**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. How many members are there? How many bodies are there? **v. 19-20**

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

1. What was the problem at Corinth?

2. Why? , **v. 22.**

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

1. Are there strong and weaker members?

2. What body part would you be willing to chop off?

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

1. 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 our sake, and for the sake of our brethren.

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