

To Build Up The Body

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Review

The Church IS the body of Christ –

“called out” to work His will on earth.

Jesus came to seek and save what was lost.

Jesus lived IN the world, but was never a part OF the world.

Jesus commanded his followers to love one another.

Ephesians 4:11-16

...He gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all... become mature. ... We will in all things grow up into...Christ. From him the whole body... grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

The GOAL

Building Up The PHYSICAL Body

_____ **Christians**

The ANALOGY

1 Corinthians 12:14-27

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

...so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Romans 12:3-8

...Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

The APPLICATION

1. **No Christian can** _____ **by** _____.
2. **No Christians is more** _____ **than** _____.
3. **Christians must** _____ **hard at** _____.
4. **Christians are** _____ **for each** _____.