

Our Gifts & Our Calling Part 3

1 Corinthians 12:12-13:7 NIV

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For we were ***all baptized by^[c] one Spirit*** so as to form ***one body***—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were ***all given the one Spirit to drink***. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸ But in fact ***God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be***. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye ***cannot say*** to the hand, “***I don’t need you!***” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker ***are indispensable***, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that ***there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other***. ²⁶ ***If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.***

²⁷ Now ***you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it***. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues^[d]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Love Is Indispensable

And yet I will show you ***the most excellent way***.

¹³ If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ ***Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.***

The Spirit’s Work (vs. 13)

- Baptized by (with or in) the Spirit into the body of Christ
- We were formed into the earthly body of Christ
- We are to feed/drink the holy Spirit

We’re ALL Needed

- We’re all in this together (Disney Song)
- God placed us (vs. 18)

- We all have a function (vs. 20)
- We need each other!!!!!!!!!!!! (vs. 22)
 - “I belong to you, you belong to me in my sweet home” ☺
- No division in the body (vs. 25-26)
 - We have care & concern for each other
 - We celebrate with/for each other
 - We mourn with/for each other
 - We encourage each other to excel

Love is the Key ☺ (vs. 30)

- Love is self-sacrificing care for others, that creates the environment for them to excel. It is firm in its commitment to truth and righteousness and its motive is to raise others up.

Buddy Bell – The gift of helps:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKahjOPtOjk>

Prayer Ministry Time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvCBSSwgtg4>

Announcements:

New Communion Lunch Meal - October 4th

HOPE received a donation of tables to provide full banquet capacity for the church (praise the Lord!). This gives us the ability to have our morning service and then transition into a communion meal set up with tables and chairs. Please come prepared on the first Sunday of each month with food to share (salads, main course, desserts) for a pot luck style meal.

Church Contact Directory:

Over the next two Sundays **Dee Pearson** will be handing out sign up forms for a new Church Contact Directory. This directory will be used for people who attend HOPE Community to connect with each other and to further the ministry that God is doing here through His church. Please fill out a form with the contact information for you and your family and place it in one of the collection boxes on the back wall of the gymnasium.

God Squad Jr. High:

Our Jr. High ministry starts again **this Thursday, September 24th**. Invite a friend, because you won't want to miss it! It has a new time slot from **6:30 to 7:30 pm**. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program. We will be starting a Thursday night Sr. High (Grades 9-12) ministry in the weeks ahead. Details still to come.

Upward Basketball:

We are ready to launch a new season of **sports outreach here at the church**. Boys and girls from the ages of Kindergarten to Grade 6 are invited to register. There are two signup evaluation dates. **Saturday, October 3rd between 10 am and 12 pm, and Wednesday, October 7th between 6 and 8 pm**. Every child must attend one of the signup dates. Cost per child is \$85 and it includes a uniform, one practice (Wednesday nights) and one game (Saturday mornings) per week as well as a closing awards event. Invite a friend to this great sports outreach program. For more information or to get involved in serving, contact **Barry Elliott at 705-955-4893**.

Women's Beth Moore – Living Proof Live Conference:

November 6 & 7 at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga

Tickets are \$69 US dollars

Men's Promise Keepers Conference:

November 13 & 14 at Queensway Church in Toronto

Tickets are \$60 (\$50 if we can get a group of 10)