

# THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

*The church of Christ is the body of Christ on earth.*

## INTRODUCTION

### The Mission of the Church

- We are the *eyes* of Jesus on earth.
- We are the *ears* of Jesus on earth.
- We are the *heart* of Jesus on earth.
- We are the *feet* of Jesus on earth.
- We are the *hands* of Jesus on earth.
- We are the *voice* of Jesus on earth.

## EXALT THE HEAD

### Jesus Christ is the Head of His Church

- Ephesians 1:10b
- Ephesians 1:22-23
- Ephesians 4:15
- Ephesians 5:23b
- Colossians 1:18

## EMBRACE THE BODY

### The Church is the Body of Christ

- We are connected to one another, so recognize UNITY. (12-13)
- We are different from one other, so accept DIVERSITY. (14)
- We belong to one another, so avoid INFERIORITY. (15-17)
- We were joined to one another, so submit to SOVEREIGNTY. (18-20)
- We need one another, so reject SELF-SUFFICIENCY. (21-22)
- We encompass one another, so convey DIGNITY. (23-24a)
- We were made equal to one another, so demonstrate CHARITY. (24b-27)
- We affect one another, so pursue spiritual MATURITY. (28-31)

## CONCLUSION

### The Miracle of the Church

- Jesus can *heal* damaged body parts. (Matthew 12:9-14)
- Jesus can *reattach* severed body parts. (Luke 22:49-51)
- Jesus can *create* new body parts. (John 9:6-7)