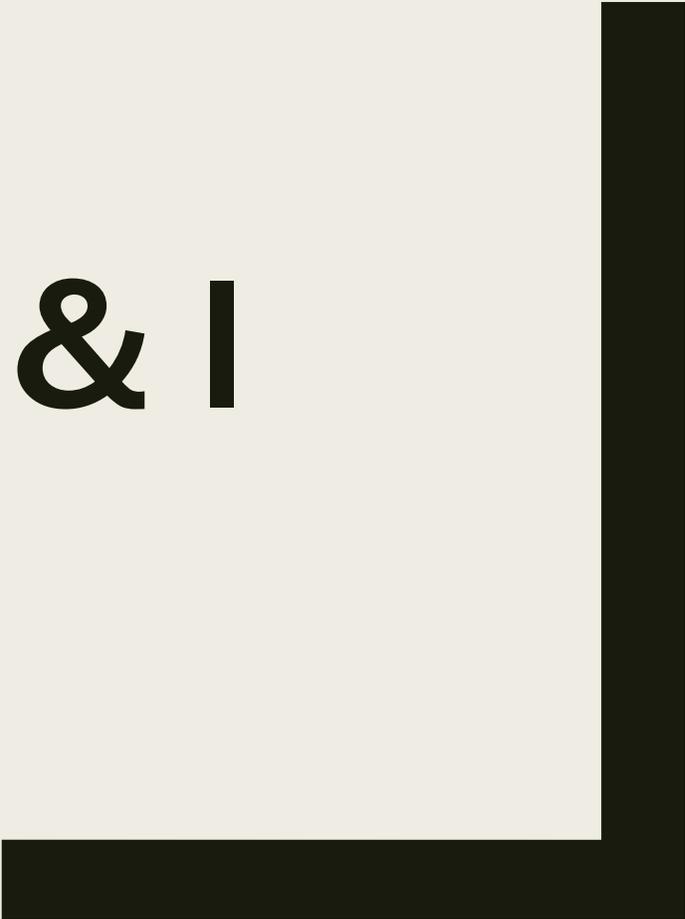


THE CHURCH & I

1 Corinthians 12: 13 - 27



Introduction

A THINKING FAITH

- Equipping our youths with the doctrines of faith
- Understand what they believe in and things they do

Introduction



A. Church & Christian



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SCHOOL

OFFICE

BUSINESS

SHOPPING



CHURCH

A. Church & Christian

HEBREWS 10:25

Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Do Not Give Up Meeting Together!

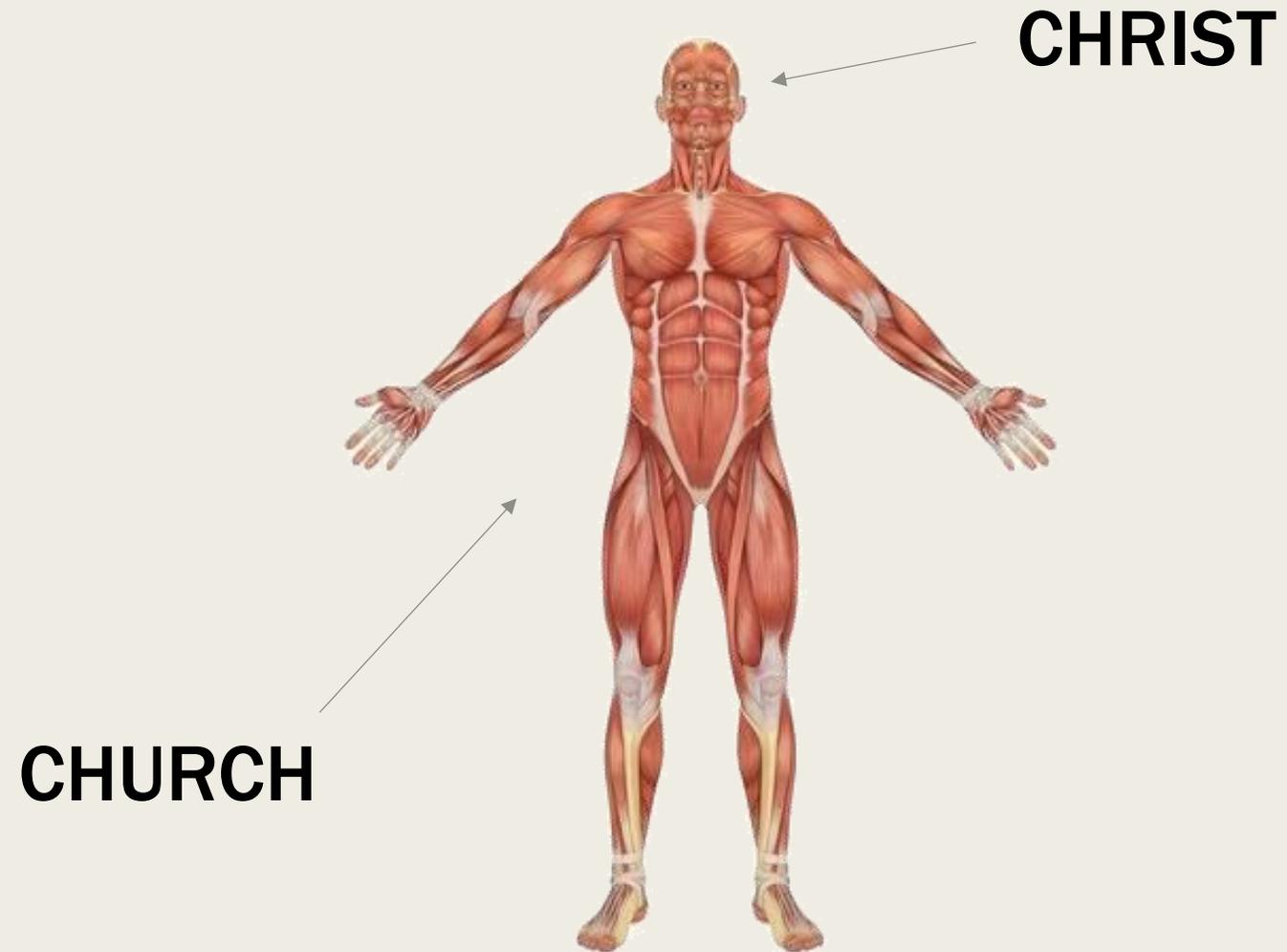
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EPHESIANS 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Christians are accountable to one another.

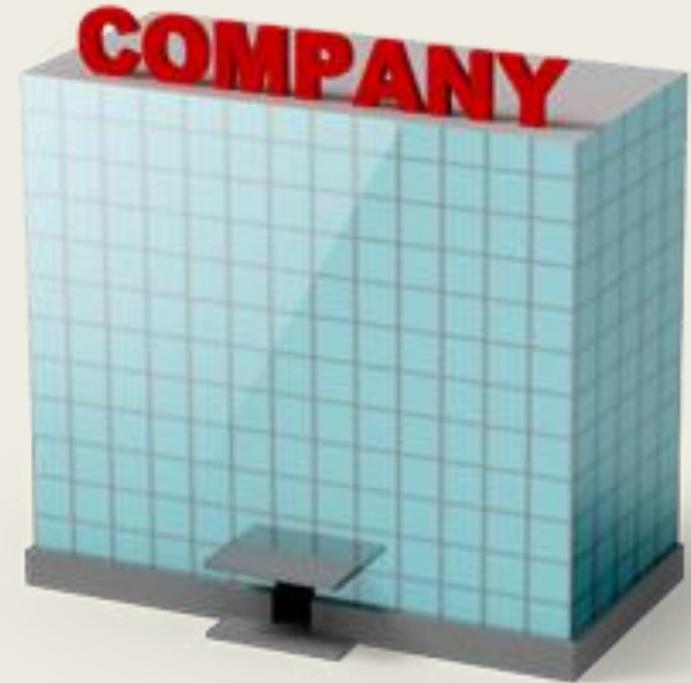
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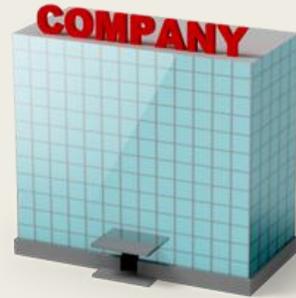
B. Design of the Church



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CEO

Board of Directors

Various Departments

Employees

HE RECEIVES PROFITS

OWNERSHIP: CEO CHANGES



Pastor

Council Members

Various Departments

Church Members

HE GIVES ETERNAL LIFE

OWNERSHIP: GOD REMAINS

B. Design of the Church

1 CORINTHIANS 12 : 13 & 14

13 For we were all baptized by 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.

- Our goal is the same. Same faith
- We are different but we are one
- We are meant to be made different

B. Design of the Church

1 CORINTHIANS 12 : 15 – 16 & 21

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 a 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 a part of the 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!”



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- **Made differently for different purpose and roles**
- **No one important part**

B. Design of the Church

1 CORINTHIANS 12 : 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?



- All missionaries then community how?
- All youth leaders then children how?
- All vocalists then instruments how?

B. Design of the Church

1 CORINTHIANS 12 : 18 - 20

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.

- In accordance to God's plan. Not by random.
- Exactly where we should be.

B. Design of the Church

1 CORINTHIANS 12 : 22 - 23

*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,*

Less important by worldly standards, not in God's plan.

B. Design of the Church

1 CORINTHIANS 12 : 24 - 26

*24...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.*

NO DIVISION

EQUAL CONCERN

C. Church & Conflict

Who built the first ever church?

JESUS

C. Church & Conflict

Matthew 16 : 13 – 15 & 18

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Peter = Rock



C. Church & Conflict

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C. Church & Conflict

PETER



- Jesus rebuked him
- Denied Jesus 3 times
- Rebuked by Paul for siding with the world

**Peter makes
mistakes!**

C. Church & Conflict

***For all have sinned and fall short of
the glory of God***

Mistakes lead to conflicts

C. Church & Conflict



Dr. Larry Crabb, NewWaY Ministry

“The difference between spiritual and unspiritual community is not whether conflicts exists, but it is rather in our attitude toward it and our approach to handling it. When conflict it seen as an opportunity to draw more fully on spiritual resources, we have the makings of spiritual community.”

Conflicts strengthen spiritual relationships!

C. Church & Conflict

How can relationships be strengthened through conflicts?

1. We must have the right attitude

Matthew 18:3-4

3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Be Humble!

C. Church & Conflict

How can relationships be strengthened through conflicts?

1. We must have the right attitude
2. We must approach conflicts with humility



Mend relationships



Pick sides & declare winner

C. Church & Conflict

How can relationships be strengthened through conflicts?

1. We must have the right attitude
2. We must approach conflicts with humility
3. We must have the right approach

4 Steps to approach conflict *(Matthew 18:15-20)*

Step 1: A private conversation (verse 15)

Step 2: Take witnesses (verse 16)

Step 3: Take it to the church (verse 17)

Step 4: Break off the relationship

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- Agreement (verse 19)
- Answered prayers (verse 19)
- The Lord's presence (verse 20)

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**Humility
&
Love**

Conclusion

1. Accountability – You can't have a relationship with the head and not the body.
2. Unity – Made perfectly in accordance to God's plan. No division; Equal concern.
3. Reconciliation – Walk in humility & love when facing conflicts.

