

Doctrine of the Body of Christ

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4 Main Points

1 We all have a place in the Body of Christ.

2 Because God places each person in His Body, we should treat everyone with love and respect.

3 The world is watching us to see how we treat one another. They must see the Love of God working among us.

4 Work to find your talents and abilities.

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Point 1

Romans 12:5 So we...are one body in Christ...

When we are Born Again, we immediately become a part of the Body of Christ.

Every person has an important place in the Body. God has a very special job for each one of us. In the Body of Christ, everyone has a job and every job is extremely important. All of us have a work to do.

As we work together and work at what God has called us to do, the Church will grow and grow and reach more people with the Gospel!

God has a future for every person that comes into our church! He has a plan for their life. We each have a different job but every job is important. We are all part of the Body of Christ!

We are all different! That is because we all have a different job. God made us that way!

Point 2

Because God has placed each of us in His Church, we should be very kind to one another and show love and respect.

The eye is very different from the elbow in the human body. Does the eye have the right to make fun of the elbow? God made the elbow to do certain work that is very different from the eye. The elbow has a unique job and it would be very wrong for the eye to think it is better than the elbow.

So it is with all of us who are in the Body of Christ - just because someone is different from us, does not give us the right to criticize or make fun of someone. Respect our differences - that is how God wants us to be!

We dishonor the Body of Christ and we dishonor Jesus Christ by showing disrespect to other members.

Making fun of others, even jokingly, does great harm to them. When we are unkind to another member, it does great harm to that person. It makes them feel that they are unimportant and not appreciated.

Each believer has a unique contribution to the Kingdom of God, we should treat others as God would treat them. We must do everything we can to encourage others by love, kindness and respect.

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Teachers, call attention to
handouts.

**Things kids must
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2. Because God places each person in His Body, we should treat everyone with love and respect.
3. The world is watching us to see how we treat one another. They must see the Love of God working among us.
4. Work to know your talents and abilities.

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Point 3

Many kids who come to our church are looking for someone to show them the Love of God. When we say cutting, unkind things to one another OR the visitor, it DOES NOT show others the Love of God.

The world outside the Church is mean and cruel to people. Unkindness should never happen within the Church of Jesus Christ. Find good things, positive things to say about others.

The new kids know that something is wrong when the Body of Christ is not working together.

Jesus Christ wants His body to work together - to build up one another with encouragement and kind words. We cannot do the work of God in our city if we are fighting against one another, making fun of one another.

However, if we will work together, encourage one another, help and strengthen one another, the Body of Christ will grow and flourish in this city!

Point 4

It is very important to find out what your talents and abilities are so you may take your place in the Body of Christ.

These are the things we need to do:

- Find out what your talent is. Pay attention to the things that you do well and to which you have an interest. Look around the church at all the ministries and see where you fit. Perhaps you have a talent that will open a new ministry! Work hard at developing your talents.
- Develop yourself spiritually. Pray and read your Bible each day. God will give you direction as you do these two things.
- Do not give in to the temptation to quit when you are searching to find your place. God tests our faith so that it will grow stronger. (1 Peter 1:6,7) Be prepared to face difficulties. Be committed to pressing on until you become the person God has called you to be.
- Ask a parent, Sunday School teacher or Church staff member to help you in finding your place.
- Please be aware of this: the platform of your church is *not* the only place in the Body of Christ to work and contribute.