

Indispensable

Intro:

Jn 3:25-30

When you come to Christ you quickly realize that you are not the main character in your life

Problem:

1 cor 1:4-11

The Corinthians used their gifts improperly because they viewed the church improperly

1 cor 1:26-31

Im not a life coach and this is not a self help seminar about your life - it is not about you

1 cor 12:1-11

Your spiritual gift is for the common good for a story larger than yourself

You may have come into this church wanting God to do something for you, for your glory - but the gospel invites us to another bigger story and you have already have a part to play

Main Idea:

In Christ, you already belong

We already need you

You already need us

We already need each other to play our part

implication:

everyone wants to truly the world

Unity begins when you realize you are not the Head...when you realize your gifts are not about you that the story is not about you...

spiritual gifts are not sought for - He baptized you into His body (12:13), He arranged you in it as He chose (12:18), He composed your role and the honor you would receive (12:24), He has appointed you your gift already - you already have it. - only one higher gift to desire and we will talk about that next week

Application:

we are stewards of a song bigger than our note - God has made us part of a symphony - will you play your part

End:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Spirit-baptism.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/second-blessing.html>

http://www.gracebiblestudies.org/Resources/Web/www.duluthbible.org/g_f_j/TRANSITIONAL_NATURE_OF_ACTS.htm

<https://www.gty.org/library/bibleqnas-library/QA0068/how-do-you-identify-your-spiritual-gift>

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Text:

In Christ, you already belong

1Corinthians 12:12 ¶ For just as the **body is one and has many members**, and **all the members** of the body, though many, **are one body**, so it is with Christ.

1Corinthians 12:13 **For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were **made to drink of one Spirit**.

acts 1:3-5; 2:1-4, 38; 8:14-17; 10:44-47; 19:1-6 (why so much confusion???every circumstance different - descriptive - narrative transitional)

*eph 1:11-14 (we know how it happens today - we know what it means - you belong at the moment of salvation)
(rom 6:1-4 (baptism is a picture of an ontological reality - baptism into Christ...))*

gal 3:26-29 (its not about speaking in tongues or doing miracles but being one IN Christ - ontologically unity...and obligation)

We already need you

1Corinthians 12:14 ¶ For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

1Corinthians 12:15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not **belong** to the body," **that would not make it any less a part of the body**.

1Corinthians 12:16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not **belong** to the body," **that would not make it any less a part of the body**.

1Corinthians 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

1Corinthians 12:18 But as it is, **God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose**.

1Corinthians 12:19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?

1Corinthians 12:20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

*1 pet 2:4-5 (-each one is chosen (He arranged He chose) and precious (important) no matter the visibility of their gift
eph 2:10 (He has laid out for you? Arranged chosen here!)*

eph 4:1-16 (working together - coordination working properly unity is not uniformity - comparison their of joy - we need you you need us -inherited obligation)

You already need us

1Corinthians 12:21 ¶ The eye cannot say to the hand, "**I have no need of you**," nor again the head to the feet, "**I have no need of you**."

1Corinthians 12:22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that **seem to be weaker are indispensable**,

1Corinthians 12:23 and on those parts of the body that **we think less honorable** we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

1Corinthians 12:24 which our more presentable parts do not require. **But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it**,

1Corinthians 12:25 **that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another**.

1Corinthians 12:26 If one member suffers, **all suffer together**; if one member is honored, **all rejoice together**.

eph 1:15-23 (inheritance in the saints)

acts 9:1-17 (all suffer together - not just words - Jesus wasn't indifferent to His body - interconnectedness and inter-dependence with Paul's conversion - Paul needed Ananias and ananias needed Paul)

col 4:7-17 (we already need each other - Paul never stopped knowing he needed the church)

Matt 26:36-38 (Jesus, in His perfect humanity didn't try to live the Christian life without others...but what do we need from each other?)

We already need each other...to play our part

1Corinthians 12:27 ¶ **Now you (local church) are the body of Christ and individually members of it**.

1Corinthians 12:28 **And God has appointed** in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

1Corinthians 12:29 **Are all** apostles? **Are all** prophets? **Are all** teachers? **Do all** work miracles?

1Corinthians 12:30 **Do all** possess gifts of healing? **Do all** speak with tongues? **Do all** interpret?

1Corinthians 12:31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. ¶ And I will show you a still more excellent way.

*num 16:1-11, 20-35 (everyone wants to truly the world - Unity begins when you realize you are not the Head...
when you realize your gifts are not about you that the story is not about you...)*

rom 12:1-13 (spiritual gifts are not sought for - given, inherited, think highly of himself...we don't aim for gifts but for service - gifts come out - the ones He planned for His glory - He baptized you into His body (12:13), He arranged you as He chose (12:18), He composed your role and the honor you would receive (12:24), He has appointed you your gift - you already have it. - only one higher gift to desire and we will talk about that next week

1 pet 4:7-11 (we are stewards of a song bigger than our note God has made us part of a symphony - will you play your part?)

Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
 - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
 - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
 - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
 - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
 - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
 - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?
- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
 - How does this message change or impact your:
 - Prayer Life?
 - Evangelism?
 - Bible Reading?
 - Christian Relationships?
 - Non-Christian relationships?
 - Parenting?
 - Role as a Husband/Wife?
 - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**