

## I Will Be a Functioning Church Member I Corinthians 12-14

- I. We are all a necessary part of the whole. 12:13,14
- A. Led by one Spirit to be baptized into one body. :13
    - 1. Gladly received, baptized, added to the body. Acts 2:41
    - 2. Ye are the body of Christ. 12:27
  - B. Not one member, but many to make a whole. :14
- II. Different, but still working together. 12:
- A. There are diversities and differences. :4-7a
    - 1. Gifts – Spirit – From praying to preaching.
    - 2. Administrations – Lord
      - a. Positions of organization and leadership.
      - b. Example: Ephesians 4:11,12a
    - 3. Operations – God – Manifestations of Gods hand at work.
      - a. Transformed lives through salvation.
      - b. Miraculous healings through prayer.
      - c. Accomplishments through faith.
  - B. Given to every person to profit every person. :7b,:26
  - C. Placed by God. :18,24,25
    - 1. He is pleased. :18
    - 2. He tempered it together. :24
    - 3. He desires no schism or gap in the body. :25a
    - 4. The members caring for one another. :25b
- III. What we say and do is based on a Biblical foundation of love. 13:
- Note: John 3:16 “For God so love the world He gave.”
- A. The model for Christian behavior is John 3:16
  - B. The model is exposed in I Cor. 13
    - 1. Agape love reaches beyond the extreme. :1-1-3
    - 2. Agape love is transformational. :4-7
    - 3. Agape love transcends the ages. :8-13.
- IV. Church membership equals functioning membership. 14:
- A. A clarifying statement. :8 “If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?”
  - B. A penetrating statement. :20 “In understanding be men.”
  - C. A defining statement. :40 “Let all things be done decently and in order.”