

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

Complementary Interdependence

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

(1) Spiritual gifts are intended to unite, not divide the body.

(2) The Holy Spirit gifts each individual believer for the benefit of all.

(3) Spiritual gifts are supernatural endowments given specifically for the edification of the body.

- Though there's unity within the body, it's comprised of diverse members.
- Though there's diversity among the members, they are united in one body.

1. Unity and diversity are equally important aspects of the body of Christ.

When Paul says, "For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body," he's speaking of how, when we get saved, we are baptized by the Spirit into union with Christ and with one another as His body.

- 1. Unity and diversity are equally important aspects of the body.
- 2. Every member of the body is indispensible.
- 3. We need to value one another's gifts and ministries and serve together for the good of the whole body.