

## ~BODY (1034)

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- The physical structure of a human or an animal. The Hebrew word *gewi-yah'* refers to a body, whether alive
- Gradually that year came to its close, and they began coming to him in the next year and saying to him; We shall not hide it from my lord but the money and the stock of domestic animals have been spent to my lord. There remains nothing before my lord but our **bodies** and our land. (**Genesis 47:18**)
- Or dead.
- Finally they put his armor in the house of the Ashtoreth images, and his **corpse** they fastened on the wall of Beth-shan. (**1 Samuel 31:10**)
- He will execute judgment among the nations, he will cause a fullness of **dead bodies**. He will certainly break to pieces the head one over a populous land. (**Psalms 110:6**)
- The Hebrew *neve-lah'* comes from the root verb *na-vel'* **wither**.
- And he will certainly become like a tree planted by streams of water, that gives its own fruit in its season and the foliage of which does not **wither**, and everything he does will succeed. (**Psalms 1:3**)
- And is variously rendered **dead body**, **carcass**, and **corpse**.
- Or when a soul touches some unclean thing, whether the **dead body** of an unclean wild beast or the **dead body** of an unclean domestic animal or the **dead body** of an unclean swarming creature, although it has been hidden from him, still he is unclean and has become guilty. (**Leviticus 5:2**)
- The pig also, because it is a splitter of the hoof but there is no cud. It is unclean for you. None of their flesh must you eat, and

their carcasses you must not touch. (**Deuteronomy 14:8**)

- Your dead one's will live. A **corpse** of mine, they will rise up. Awake and cry out joyfully, you residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of mallows, and the earth itself will let even those impotent in death drop in birth. (**Isaiah 26:19**)
- **Ba-sar'**, the **Hebrew** word for **flesh**, can represent the whole **body**.
- Therefore my heart does rejoice, and my glory is inclined to be joyful. Also, my own **flesh** will reside in security. (**Psalms 16:9**)
- The usual **Greek** word for **body** is *so'ma*.
- If, now, that right eye of yours is making you stumble, tear it out and throw it away from you. For it is more beneficial to you for one of your members to be lost to you than for your whole **body** to be pitched into Gehenna. (**Matthew 5:29**)
- But *khros*, literally **skin**, is rendered **body** in;
- So that even cloths and aprons were borne from his **body** to the ailing people, and the diseases left them, and the wicked spirits came out. (**Acts of Apostles 19:12**)
- The **Greek** word *pto'ma*, which comes from the root verb *pi'pto* **fall**, refers to a fallen **body** or **corpse**.
- Finally his disciples came up and removed the **corpse** and buried him and came and reported to Jesus. (**Matthew 14:12**)
- The different kinds of **physical bodies** are composed of different kinds of **flesh**, together with the life-force.
- Not all **flesh** is the same **flesh**, but there is one of mankind, and there is another **flesh** of cattle, and another **flesh** of birds, and another of fish. (**1 Corinthians 15:39**)
- Indeed, as the **body** without spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (**James 2:26**)
- Everything in which the breath of the force of life was active in its nostrils, namely, all that were on the dry ground, died. (**Genesis 7:22**)

See Also SOUL  
See Also FLESH

## •• Spiritual Bodies

- While there are **physical bodies**, **visible and palpable**, there are also **spiritual bodies**, **invisible to human eyes and entirely beyond human senses**.
- It is sown a physical **body**, it is raised up a **spiritual body**. If there is a physical body, there is also a **spiritual one**. (1 Corinthians 15:44)
- The **bodies** of spirit persons, God, Christ, the angels, are glorious. At no time has anyone beheld God.
- At no time has anyone beheld God. If we continue loving one another, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. (1 John 4:12)
- Man cannot see God and live.
- And he added; You are not able to see my face, because **no man may see me and yet live**. (Exodus 33:20)
- When the apostle Paul had only a glimpse of the manifestation of Jesus Christ after Jesus resurrection, he fell to the ground and was **blinded by the brilliance**, a miracle being required to restore his sight.
- Now as he was traveling he approached Damascus, when suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. (Acts of Apostles 9:3)
- And he fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him; Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? (Acts of Apostles 9:4)
- He said; Who are you, Lord? He said; I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts of Apostles 9:5)
- So Ananias went off and entered into the house, and he laid his hands upon him and said; Saul, brother, the Lord, the Jesus that appeared to you on the road over which you were coming, has sent me forth, **in order, that you may recover sight and be filled**

**with Holy Spirit. (Acts of Apostles 9:17)**

- And immediately there fell from his eyes what looked like scales, and he recovered sight, and he rose and was baptized. (**Acts of Apostles 9:18**)
- I saw at midday on the road, O king, a **light beyond the brilliance of the sun flash from heaven about me** and about those journeying with me. (**Acts of Apostles 26:13**)
- And when we had all fallen to the ground I heard a voice say to me in the **Hebrew** language; Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? To keep kicking against the goads makes it hard for you. (**Acts of Apostles 26:14**)
- Likewise, angels are far more powerful than men.
- Whereas angels, although **they are greater in strength and power**, do not bring against them an accusation in abusive terms, not doing so out of respect for Yehowah. (**2 Peter 2:11**)
- They are **glorious, brilliant one's** and have appeared as such in physical manifestations.
- And, notice! A great earthquake had taken place, for Yehowah's angel had descended from heaven and approached and rolled away the stone, and was sitting on it. (**Matthew 28:2**)
- His outward appearance was as lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. (**Matthew 28:3**)
- Yes, for fear of him the watchmen trembled and became as dead men. (**Matthew 28:4**)
- And suddenly Yehowah's angel stood by them, and Yehowah's glory gleamed around them, and they became very fearful. (**Luke 2:9**)
- These spirit sons of God have vision strong enough to see and endure the brilliance of the Almighty God.
- In reply the angel said to him; I am Gabriel, who stands near before God, and I was sent forth to speak with you and declare the Good News of these things to you. (**Luke 1:19**)

- Because we cannot see God with physical eyes, he uses certain anthropomorphic expressions to help us to understand and appreciate things about himself. The Bible speaks of him as having eyes;
- The **eyes** of Yehowah are toward the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their cry for help. (**Psalms 34:15**)
- And there is not a creation that is **not manifest to his sight**, but all things are naked and openly exposed to the **eyes** of him with whom we have an accounting. (**Hebrews 4:13**)
- **Arms**
- Or do you have an **arm** like that of the true God, and with a **voice** like his can you make it thunder? (**Job 40:9**)
- So that the word of Isaiah the prophet was fulfilled which he said; Yehowah, who has put faith in the thing heard by us? And as for the **arm** of Yehowah, to whom has it been revealed? (**John 12:38**)
- **Feet**
- And he proceeded to bend the heavens down and descend. And thick gloom was beneath his **feet**. (**Psalms 18:9**)
- And his **feet** will actually stand in that day upon the mountain of the olive trees, which is in front of Jerusalem, on the east, and the mountain of the olive trees must be split at its middle, from the sunrising and to the west. There will be a very great valley, and half of the mountain will actually be moved to the north, and half of it to the south. (**Zechariah 14:4**)
- **Heart**
- And Yehowah began to smell a restful odor, and so Yehowah said in his **heart**; Never again shall I call down evil upon the ground on man's account, because the inclination of the heart of man is bad from his youth up. Never again shall I deal every living thing a blow just as I have done. (**Genesis 8:21**)
- Be wise, my son, and make my **heart** rejoice, that I may make a reply to him that is taunting me. (**Proverbs 27:11**)

- **Hands**
- And I shall have to stretch out my **hand** and strike Egypt with all my wonderful acts that I shall do in the midst of it, and after that he will send you out. (**Exodus 3:20**)
- But as respects Israel he says; All day long I have spread out my **hands** toward a people that is disobedient and talks back. (**Romans 10:21**)
- **Fingers**
- Now as soon as he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai he proceeded to give Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone written on by **God's finger**. (**Exodus 31:18**)
- But if it is by means of **God's finger** I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. (**Luke 11:20**)
- **Nose, nostrils**
- And he went on to say to me: Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it such a light thing to the house of Judah to do the detestable things that they have done here, that they have to fill the land with violence and that they should offend me again, and here they are thrusting out the **shoot to my nose**? (**Ezekiel 8:17**)
- And by a breath from your **nostrils** waters were heaped up, they stood still like a dam of floods, the surging waters were congealed in the heart of the sea. (**Exodus 15:8**)
- **Ears**
- And Samuel gave a hearing to all the words of the people, then he spoke them in the **ears** of Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 8:21**)
- The desire of the meek one's you will certainly **hear**, O Yehowah. You will prepare their heart. You will pay attention with your **ear**. (**Psalms 10:17**)
- It is not to be supposed that he literally possesses these organs in the way that we know them. The apostle John, who had hope of life in heaven, said to fellow heirs of heavenly life.

- Beloved ones, now we are children of God, but as yet it has not been made manifest what we shall be. We do know that whenever he is made manifest **we shall be like him, because we shall see him just as he is.** (1 John 3:2)
- It will be a **body** conformed to the **glorious body** of Jesus Christ;
- Who will refashion our humiliated **body** to be conformed to his **glorious body** according to the operation of the power that he has, even to subject all things to himself. (Philippians 3:21)
- Who is the image of the invisible God, **the reflection of his glory and the exact representation of his very being.**
- He is the **image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation. (Colossians 1:15)
- He is the **reflection of his glory and the exact representation of his very being**, and he sustains all things by the word of his power, and after he had made a purification for our sins he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty in lofty places. (Hebrews 1:3)
- They will, therefore, **receive bodies that are incorruptible**, having immortality, as distinguished from angels in general and from mankind, who are mortal.
- For this which is corruptible must put on incorruption, and this which is mortal **must put on immortality.** (1 Corinthians 15:53)
- Now to the King of eternity, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17)
- The **one alone having immortality, Yehowah**, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom not one of men has seen or can see. To him be honor and might everlasting. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:16)
- Also, at that immediate time there was in their synagogue a man under the power of an unclean spirit, and he shouted. (Mark 1:23)
- Saying; What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the Holy One of God. (Mark 1:24)

- Therefore, since the young children are sharers of blood and flesh, he also similarly partook of the same things, that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the Devil. ([Hebrews 2:14](#))

## • Christ's Body Of Flesh

- At the institution of the Lord's Evening Meal, Jesus offered the unfermented bread to the 11 faithful apostles, saying;
- Also, he took a loaf, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying; This means my **body** which is to be given in your behalf. Keep doing this in remembrance of me. ([Luke 22:19](#))
- The apostle Peter later said;
- He himself bore our sins in his own **body** upon the stake, in order, that we might be done with sins and live to righteousness. And by his stripes you were healed. ([1 Peter 2:24](#))
- By the said will we have been sanctified through the offering of the **body** of Jesus Christ once for all time. ([Hebrews 10:10](#))

## See Also LORD'S EVENING MEAL

- In order for Jesus to be **the last Adam**
- It is even so written: The first man Adam became a living soul. **The last Adam** became **a life-giving spirit**. ([1 Corinthians 15:45](#))
- And to be **a corresponding ransom for all mankind**, his fleshly **body** had to be **a real human body**, no incarnation.
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, a man, Christ Jesus. ([1 Timothy 2:5](#))
- Who gave himself a corresponding ransom for all, this is what is to be witnessed to at its own particular times. ([1 Timothy 2:6](#))
- Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. ([Matthew 20:28](#))



- It had to be perfect, for it was to be sacrificed to present to Yehowah God the purchase price.
- For you know that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were delivered from your fruitless form of conduct received by tradition from your forefathers. (**1 Peter 1:18**)
- But it was with **precious blood**, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb, even Christ's. (**1 Peter 1:19**)
- How much more will the **blood of the Christ**, who through an everlasting spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works that we may render sacred service to the living God? (**Hebrews 9:14**)
- No imperfect human could provide the needed price.
- Not one of them can by any means redeem even a brother, nor give to God a ransom for him. (**Psalms 49:7**)
- And the redemption price of their soul is so precious that it has ceased to time indefinite. (**Psalms 49:8**)
- That he should still live forever and not see the pit. (**Psalms 49:9**)
- For this reason Jesus said to his Father when presenting himself for baptism, to begin his sacrificial course; You prepared a **body** for me.
- Hence when he comes into the world he says: Sacrifice and offering you did not want, but you prepared a **body** for me. (**Hebrews 10:5**)
- The physical **body** of Jesus Christ was not allowed to decay into dust as did the bodies of Moses and David, men who were used to foreshadow Christ.
- After that Moses the servant of Yehowah died there in the land of Moab at the order of Yehowah. (**Deuteronomy 34:5**)
- And he proceeded to bury him in the valley in the land of Moab in front of Beth-peor, and nobody has come to know his grave down to this day. (**Deuteronomy 34:6**)

- Hence he also says in another psalm: You will not allow your loyal one to see corruption. ([Acts of Apostles 13:35](#))
- For David, on the one hand, served the express will of God in his own generation and fell asleep in death and was laid with his forefathers and did see corruption. ([Acts of Apostles 13:36](#))
- Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow **your loyal one to see corruption**. ([Acts of Apostles 2:27](#))
- He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his **flesh see corruption**. ([Acts of Apostles 2:31](#))
- When his disciples went to the tomb early on the first day of the week, Jesus **body** had disappeared, and the bandages with which his **body** had been wrapped were left in the tomb, his **body** doubtless having been disintegrated without passing through the process of decaying.
- Therefore she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, for whom Jesus had affection, and she said to them, They have taken away the Lord out of the memorial tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him. ([John 20:2](#))
- Then Peter and the other disciple went out and started for the memorial tomb. ([John 20:3](#))
- Yes, the two together began to run, but the other disciple ran ahead of Peter with greater speed and reached the memorial tomb first. ([John 20:4](#))
- And, stooping forward, he beheld the bandages lying, yet he did not go in. ([John 20:5](#))
- Then Simon Peter also came following him, and he entered into the memorial tomb. And he viewed the bandages lying. ([John 20:6](#))
- Also the cloth that had been upon his head not lying with the bandages but separately rolled up in one place. ([John 20:7](#))
- At that time, therefore, the other disciple who had reached the

memorial tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed. (**John 20:8**)

- For they did not yet discern the scripture that he must rise from the dead. (**John 20:9**)
- And when they entered they did not find the **body** of the Lord Jesus. (**Luke 24:3**)
- While they were in perplexity over this, look! Two men in flashing clothing stood by them. (**Luke 24:4**)
- As the women became frightened and kept their faces turned to the ground, the men said to them; Why are you looking for the living One among the dead? (**Luke 24:5**)
- He is not here, but has been raised up. Recall how he spoke to you while he was yet in Galilee. (**Luke 24:6**)
- After Jesus resurrection he appeared in different **bodies**. Mary **mistook him for the gardener**.
- After saying these things, she turned back and viewed Jesus standing, but **she did not discern it was Jesus**. (**John 20:14**)
- Jesus said to her; Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for? She, imagining it was the gardener, said to him; Sir, if you have carried him off, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. (**John 20:15**)
- He again appeared, entering a room with locked doors, having a **body with wound marks**.
- But Thomas, one of the twelve, who was called The Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. (**John 20:24**)
- Consequently the other disciples would say to him; We have seen the Lord! But he said to them; Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and stick my finger into the print of the nails and stick my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe. (**John 20:25**)
- Well, eight days later his disciples were again indoors, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked,

and he stood in their midst and said, May you have peace. (**John 20:26**)

- Next he said to Thomas; Put your finger here, and see my hands, and take your hand and stick it into my side, and stop being unbelieving but become believing. (**John 20:27**)
- In answer Thomas said to him; My Lord and my God! (**John 20:28**)
- Jesus said to him; Because you have seen me have you believed? **Happy are those who do not see and yet believe.** (**John 20:29**)
- Several times he manifested himself and was recognized, not by his appearance, but by his words and actions.
- Now as they were conversing and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began walking with them. (**Luke 24:15**)
- But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. (**Luke 24:16**)
- And as he was reclining with them at the meal he took the loaf, blessed it, broke it and began to hand it to them. (**Luke 24:30**)
- At that their eyes were fully opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from them. (**Luke 24:31**)
- While they were speaking of these things he himself stood in their midst and said to them; May you have peace. (**Luke 24:36**)
- But because they were terrified, and had become frightened, they were imagining they beheld a spirit. (**Luke 24:37**)
- So he said to them; Why are you troubled, and why is it doubts come up in your hearts? (**Luke 24:38**)
- See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; feel me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones just as you behold that I have. (**Luke 24:39**)
- And as he said this he showed them his hands and his feet. (**Luke 24:40**)
- But while they were still not believing for sheer joy and were

- wondering, he said to them; Do you have something there to eat? ([Luke 24:41](#))
- And they handed him a piece of broiled fish. ([Luke 24:42](#))
  - And he took it and ate it before their eyes. ([Luke 24:43](#))
  - He now said to them; These are my words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that all the things written in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets and Psalms about me must be fulfilled. ([Luke 24:44](#))
  - Then he opened up their minds fully to grasp the meaning of the Scriptures. ([Luke 24:45](#))
  - However, the eleven disciples went into Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had arranged for them. ([Matthew 28:16](#))
  - And when they saw him they did obeisance, but some doubted. ([Matthew 28:17](#))
  - And Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying; All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. ([Matthew 28:18](#))
  - Once a miracle performed at his direction opened his disciples eyes to his identity.
  - However, just as it was getting to be morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not, of course, discern that it was Jesus. ([John 21:4](#))
  - Then Jesus said to them; Young children, you do not have anything to eat, do you? They answered; No! To him. ([John 21:5](#))
  - He said to them; Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some. Then they cast it, but they were no longer able to draw it in because of the multitude of the fishes. ([John 21:6](#))
  - Therefore that disciple whom Jesus used to love said to Peter; It is the Lord! Hence Simon Peter, upon hearing that it was the Lord, girded about himself his top garment, for he was naked, and plunged into the sea. ([John 21:7](#))

- Jesus said to them; Come, take your breakfast. Not one of the disciples had the courage to inquire of him; Who are you? Because they knew it was the Lord. (**John 21:12**)
- Jesus, having been resurrected as a spirit
- Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. (**1 Peter 3:18**)
- **Could materialize a body** for the occasion as the angels did in past times, when they appeared as messengers.
- When he raised his eyes, then he looked and there three men were standing some distance from him. When he caught sight of them he began running to meet them from the entrance of the tent and proceeded to bow down to the earth. (**Genesis 18:2**)
- Now the two angels arrived at Sodom by evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot caught sight of them, then he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the earth. (**Genesis 19:1**)
- Then the men said to Lot; Do you have anyone else here? Son-in-law and your sons and your daughters and all who are yours in the city, bring out of the place! (**Genesis 19:12**)
- And it came about when Joshua happened to be by Jericho that he proceeded to raise his eyes and look, and there, there was a man standing in front of him with his drawn sword in his hand. So Joshua walked up to him and said to him; Are you for us or for our adversaries? (**Joshua 5:13**)
- To this he said; No, but I, as prince of the army of Yehowah I have now come. With that Joshua fell on his face to the earth and prostrated himself and said to him; What is my lord saying to his servant? (**Joshua 5:14**)
- In time Yehowah's angel appeared to the woman and said to her; Look, now, you are barren and have borne no child. And you will certainly become pregnant and give birth to a son. (**Judges 13:3**)

- Then the woman went and said to her husband; There was a man of the true God that came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of the true God, very fear-inspiring. And I did not ask him from just where he was, neither did he tell me his name. (**Judges 13:6**)
- Do not forget hospitality, for through it some, unknown to themselves, entertained angels. (**Hebrews 13:2**)
- During the days before the Flood, the angels that did not keep their original position but forsook their own proper dwelling place performed an incarnation and married human wives. That these angelic sons of God **were not truly human, but had materialized bodies**, is shown by the fact that **the Flood did not destroy these angels**, but they dematerialized and returned to the spirit realm.
- Do not forget hospitality, for through it some, unknown to themselves, entertained angels. (**Hebrews 13:2**)
- The Nephilim proved to be in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of the true God continued to have relations with the daughters of men and they bore sons to them, they were the mighty one's who were of old, the men of fame. (**Genesis 6:4**)
- In this state also he went his way and preached to the spirits in prison. (**1 Peter 3:19**)
- Who had once been disobedient when the patience of God was waiting in Noah's days, while the ark was being constructed, in which a few people, that is, eight souls, were carried safely through the water. (**1 Peter 3:20**)
- Certainly if God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them to pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment. (**2 Peter 2:4**)

## .. Symbolic Usage

- Jesus Christ is spoken of as the Head of the congregation, which is his **body**.
- He also subjected all things under his feet, and made him **head** over all things to the **congregation**. (**Ephesians 1:22**)

- **Which is his body**, the fullness of him who fills up all things in all. (**Ephesians 1:23**)
- And he is the **head of the body, the congregation**. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that he might become the one who is first in all things. (**Colossians 1:18**)
- This Christian **body** of people has no divisions racially, nationally, or otherwise, Jews and people of all nations being represented in it.
- There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one person in union with Christ Jesus. (**Galatians 3:28**)
- And that he might fully reconcile both peoples in one **body** to God through the torture stake, because he had killed off the enmity by means of himself. (**Ephesians 2:16**)
- One **body** there is, and one spirit, even as you were called in the one hope to which you were called. (**Ephesians 4:4**)
- All are baptized by Holy Spirit into Christ and into his death. They are, therefore, all baptized into one **body**.
- For truly by one spirit we were all baptized into one **body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink one spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:13**)
- Thus all the **body follows the head**, dying his kind of death and receiving his kind of resurrection.
- Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into his death**? (**Romans 6:3**)
- Therefore we were **buried with him through our baptism into his death**, in order, that, just as Christ was raised up from the dead through the glory of the Father, we also should likewise walk in a newness of life. (**Romans 6:4**)
- For if we have become united with him **in the likeness of his death**, we shall certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection. (**Romans 6:5**)



## See Also BAPTISM (Baptism Into Christ Jesus, Into His Death)

- The apostle Paul uses the functioning of the human **body** to illustrate the operation of the Christian congregation, likening the members living on earth at any particular time to a **body**, with **Christ as the invisible Head**.
- For just as we have in one **body** many members, but the members do not all have the same function. (**Romans 12:4**)
- So we, although many, are one **body** in union with Christ, but members belonging individually to one another. (**Romans 12:5**)
- At (**1 Corinthians Chapter 12**) Paul emphasizes the importance of the place each member occupies, **the interdependency, the mutual love and care, and the accomplishment of work**. God has set each one in his position in the body, and through the various operations of the Holy Spirit the **body** performs what is necessary.
- The **Head**, Jesus Christ, as **liaison member, supplies the members of the body the things they need through the joints and ligaments**, the means and arrangements for supplying spiritual nourishment as well as communication and coordination, so that the **body** is spiritually well fed and each part is informed of the task to perform.
- Whereas he is not holding fast to the head, to the one from whom all the **body**, being supplied and harmoniously joined together by means of its joints and ligaments, goes on growing with the growth that God gives. (**Colossians 2:19**)
- From him all the **body**, by being harmoniously joined together and being made to cooperate through every joint that gives what is needed, according to the functioning of each respective member in due measure, makes for the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. (**Ephesians 4:16**)

### •• Proper Use Of one's Body

- The Christian should appreciate **the body** God has given him and should love himself to the extent of **caring properly for his body** so that he may be able to present it in acceptable, sacred service to God.
- Consequently I entreat you by the compassions of God, brothers, to present your **bodies** a sacrifice living, holy, acceptable to God,

a sacred service **with your power of reason.** (**Romans 12:1**)

- This requires the **use of reason** and the maintaining of the **body** with food and other necessities, as well as **physical cleanliness**, but other types of care are even more important. These **involve spirituality, seeking God's Kingdom and his righteousness, and practicing moral uprightness.**
- On this account I say to you; Stop being anxious about your souls as to what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your bodies as to what you will wear. **Does not the soul mean more than food and the body than clothing?** (**Matthew 6:25**)
- So never be anxious and say; What are we to eat? Or; What are we to drink? Or; What are we to put on? (**Matthew 6:31**)
- For all these are the things the nations are eagerly pursuing. For your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. (**Matthew 6:32**)
- Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you. (**Matthew 6:33**)
- If you died together with Christ toward the elementary things of the world, why do you, as if living in the world, further subject yourselves to the decrees. (**Colossians 2:20**)
- Do not handle, nor taste, nor touch. (**Colossians 2:21**)
- Respecting things that are all destined to destruction by being used up, in accordance with the commands and teachings of men? (**Colossians 2:22**)
- Those very things are, indeed, possessed of an appearance of wisdom in a self-imposed form of worship and mock humility, a severe treatment of the **body**, but they are of no value in combating the satisfying of the flesh. (**Colossians 2:23**)
- Deadened, therefore, your **body** members that are upon the earth as respects fornication, uncleanness, sexual appetite, hurtful desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (**Colossians 3:5**)

- The apostle Paul counsels. **Bodily** training is beneficial for a little, **but godly devotion is beneficial for all things, as it holds promise of the life now and that which is to come.**
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- One who is an anointed member of the Christian congregation, the **body** of Christ, and who commits fornication is taking a member of the Christ away and making that one a member of a harlot. Any such Christian committing fornication is bringing in moral defilement and is also sinning against his own fleshly **body**. He is putting himself in peril of being removed from the **body** of Christ, the temple organization, and is exposing himself to the danger of loathsome diseases.
- Foods for the belly, and the belly for foods, but God will bring both it and them to nothing. Now the **body** is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the **body**. (**1 Corinthians 6:13**)
- Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I, then, take the members of the Christ away and make them members of a harlot? Never may that happen! (**1 Corinthians 6:15**)
- What! Do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one **body**? For, The two, says he, will be one flesh. (**1 Corinthians 6:16**)
- But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. (**1 Corinthians 6:17**)
- Flee from fornication. Every other sin that a man may commit is outside his body, but he that practices fornication is sinning against his own **body**. (**1 Corinthians 6:18**)
- What! Do you not know that the **body** of you people is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? Also, you do not belong to yourselves. (**1 Corinthians 6:19**)
- For you were bought with a price. By all means, glorify God in the **body** of you people. (**1 Corinthians 6:20**)
- My son, keep my sayings, and may you treasure up my own

commandments with you. (**Proverbs 7:1**)

- Keep my commandments and continue living, and my Law like the pupil of your eyes. (**Proverbs 7:2**)
- Tie them upon your fingers, and write them upon the tablet of your heart. (**Proverbs 7:3**)
- Say to wisdom; You are my sister, and may you call understanding itself Kinswoman. (**Proverbs 7:4**)
- To guard you against the woman stranger, against the foreigner who has made her own sayings smooth. (**Proverbs 7:5**)
- For at the window of my house, through my lattice I looked down. (**Proverbs 7:6**)
- That I might peer upon the inexperienced ones. I was interested in discerning among the sons a young man in want of heart. (**Proverbs 7:7**)
- Passing along on the street near her corner, and in the way to her house he marches. (**Proverbs 7:8**)
- In the twilight, in the evening of the day, at the approach of the night and the gloom. (**Proverbs 7:9**)
- And, look! There was a woman to meet him, with the garment of a prostitute and cunning of heart. (**Proverbs 7:10**)
- She is boisterous and stubborn. In her house her feet do not keep residing. (**Proverbs 7:11**)
- Now she is outdoors, now she is in the public squares, and near every corner she lies in wait. (**Proverbs 7:12**)
- And she has grabbed hold of him and given him a kiss. She has put on a bold face, and she begins to say to him. (**Proverbs 7:13**)
- Communion sacrifices were incumbent upon me. Today I have paid my vows. (**Proverbs 7:14**)
- That is why I have come out to meet you, to look for your face, that I may find you. (**Proverbs 7:15**)

- **With coverlets I have bedecked my divan, with many-colored things, linen of Egypt. (Proverbs 7:16)**
- **I have besprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. (Proverbs 7:17)**
- **Do come, let us drink our fill of love until the morning, do let us enjoy each other with love expressions. (Proverbs 7:18)**
- **For the husband is not in his house, he has gone traveling on a way of some distance. (Proverbs 7:19)**
- **A bag of money he has taken in his hand. On the day of the full moon he will come to his house. (Proverbs 7:20)**
- **She has misled him by the abundance of her persuasiveness. By the smoothness of her lips she seduces him. (Proverbs 7:21)**
- **All of a sudden he is going after her, like a bull that comes even to the slaughter, and just as if fettered for the discipline of a foolish man. (Proverbs 7:22)**
- **Until an arrow cleaves open his liver, just as a bird hastens into the trap, and he has not known that it involves his very soul. (Proverbs 7:23)**
- **And now, O sons, listen to me and pay attention to the sayings of my mouth. (Proverbs 7:24)**
- **May your heart not turn aside to her ways. Do not wander into her roadways. (Proverbs 7:25)**
- **For many are the one's she has caused to fall down slain, and all those being killed by her are numerous. (Proverbs 7:26)**
- **The ways to Sheol her house is. They are descending to the interior rooms of death. (Proverbs 7:27)**
- **He may be handed over by the congregation to Satan for the destruction of the **flesh**.**
- **You hand such a man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, in order, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the**

Lord. (1 Corinthians 5:5)

- One who is a member of the **body** of Christ, as well as other dedicated persons who are associated with these **spiritually begotten body members**, must avoid not only physical fornication but also spiritual fornication. The Scriptures call one who has friendship with the world an adulteress.
- Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God. (James 4:4)
- Jesus said of his disciples; They are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world.
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- Therefore, Jesus is careful that those who make up the members of his **body** are clean morally and spiritually.
- That he might sanctify it, cleansing it with the bath of water by means of the word. (Ephesians 5:26)
- That he might present the congregation to himself in its splendor, not having a spot or a wrinkle or any of such things, but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:27)
- They are said to have their **bodies** bathed with clean water.
- Let us approach with true hearts in the full assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our **bodies** bathed with clean water. (Hebrews 10:22)
- As the apostle Paul says, speaking of husbands;
- In this way husbands ought to be loving their wives as their own **bodies**. He who loves his wife loves himself. (Ephesians 5:28)
- For no man ever hated his own flesh, but he feeds and cherishes it, as the Christ also does the congregation. (Ephesians 5:29)
- Because we are members of his **body**. (Ephesians 5:30)

- **For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and he will stick to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. (Ephesians 5:31)**
- **This sacred secret is great. Now I am speaking with respect to Christ and the congregation. (Ephesians 5:32)**

**See parts of the body under individual names.**