

Ephesians 4:16~ From him all the body, by being harmoniously joined together¹ 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.

Footnote: Literally; being made to go together

1· It is Christ who oversees the entire body which must be harmoniously joined together, and which must cooperate through every joint, to give the entire body what it needs. This is supplied everywhere within the body, by individual members, and it makes for the building up of this body in love.

[Question] What must cooperate with Christ, the head of the body, and how?

[Question] What things must the individual members of the body supply, and for what purpose?

2· Is this not how our own bodies work, harmoniously and in love, with each member working for the good of all other members?

[Question] How can we learn about this operation, through our own human bodies?

3· What if the hands went on strike, and refused to bring food to the mouth? What if the mouth refused to open? What if the nose and mouth got together and closed and allowed nothing through them for the rest of the body? What if the intestines went on strike for six months, seeking more prominence for themselves? Have these questions opened your eyes?

[Question] What things can we use to illustrate, how ridiculous the actions of some uncooperative ones, can become for the body?

4· Now you are Christ's body, and members individually. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

[Question] What are all anointed members of the congregation individually?

5· 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**)

[Question] What things come down to the body through the head, and so who must all members be in contact with always?

[Question] What is the purpose of this fine harmony within the body?

6· For the body, indeed, is not one **member**, but many. (**1 Corinthians 12:14**)

[Question] What is the body made up of?

7· Which is his body, the fullness of him who fills up all things in all. (**Ephesians 1:23**)

[Question] What fullness resides within the body of Christ?