

CrossWalk **notes**

Worth It

Seeing Unity and Diversity Through God's Eyes

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Why is connection to Jesus and my church family essential for me and all Christians?

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. . . ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. **1 Corinthians 12:7; 12-14, NIV**

In baptism God starts a _____ relationship with me.

In baptism God brings me into his Church _____.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact **God has placed the parts in the body**, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. **1 Corinthians 12:15-20, NIV**

God has made me with a unique _____.

Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. **1 Corinthians 12:21-26, NIV**

I _____ others! Diversity in the church helps me to a deeper understanding of _____, _____, and _____.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **1 Corinthians 12:27, NIV**

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. **Revelation 7:9, NIV**

If you want to go fast, go _____.

If you want to go far, go _____.

MEMORY VERSE

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **1 Corinthians 12:27, NIV**

My next step: Jesus has given value and worth to each of us and brought us into the Church. I will explore my abilities in Christian Essentials 3 and use them to God's glory.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.