



# Logos Class – 1 Corinthians Ch 12

On Campus class for Jan 31, 2021

# Calendar moving forward

- ✓ Jan 31, 2021 – 1 Corinthians Ch 12
- Feb 7, 2021 – 1 Corinthians Ch 13
- Feb 14, 2021 – 1 Corinthians Ch 14
- Feb 21, 2021 – 1 Corinthians Ch 15
- Feb 28, 2021 – 1 Corinthians Ch 16 – *End of 1 Corinthians*
- *March 7 -2021 – **Planned** start of Holy Spirit Study\**

We will be doing Zoom classes up until March 7, when we start the Holy Spirit Study. At that time, I will record audio only, and have slides since I can't rebroadcast the DVD support material and we need to be in class for discussions. If you can, come by that time to the class.

# Before we start...

- *Culture of Corinth*
  - *Sexual immorality, Incest, Adultery, Fornication*
  - *Suing one another, pitting each other up for failure, a culture of public debasement*
  - *Selfish “Rights” attitudes*
  - *Abusing of the Lord’s Supper*
  - *Propriety in Church, whole discussion about modesty*
- *In Ch 12, Paul adds a whole new dimension to it*
  - *Ecstasy and euphoria*
  - *Mindless actions*

***I’ll bet the church services were interesting***

# 1 Cor Ch 12:1-3 Concerning Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**12** Now about the **gifts of the Spirit**, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be **uninformed**.

<sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “**Jesus be cursed**,” and no one can say, “**Jesus is Lord**,” except by the Holy Spirit.

# 1 Cor Ch 12:4-7

***<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.***

***<sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.***

***<sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.***

***<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.***

# 1 Cor Ch 12:8-11

<sup>8</sup> *To one there is given through the Spirit **a message of wisdom**, to another a **message of knowledge** by means of the same Spirit,*

<sup>9</sup> *to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by that one Spirit,*

<sup>10</sup> *to another **miraculous powers**, to another **prophecy**, to another **distinguishing between spirits**, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues** (languages), and to still another **the interpretation of tongues** (languages)*

<sup>11</sup> *All these are the **work of one and the same Spirit**, and He **distributes them to each one, just as he determines.***

# 1 Cor Ch 12:12-14. ...*Unity and Diversity in the Body*

***<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.***

***<sup>13</sup> 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.***

***<sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.***

***This is an interesting picture relating to Gifts...***



# 1 Cor Ch 12:15-20

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> 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?

<sup>18</sup> But in fact **God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.**

<sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> **As it is, there are many parts, but one body.**



# 1 Cor Ch 12:21-26

*<sup>21</sup> 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!”*

*<sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,*

*<sup>23</sup> 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,*

*<sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,*

*<sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.*

*<sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

# 1 Cor Ch 12:27-31

***27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.***

***28 And God has placed in the church first of all **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **miracles**, then gifts of **healing**, of **helping**, of **guidance**, and of different kinds of **tongues**.***

***29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?***

***30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?***

***31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.***

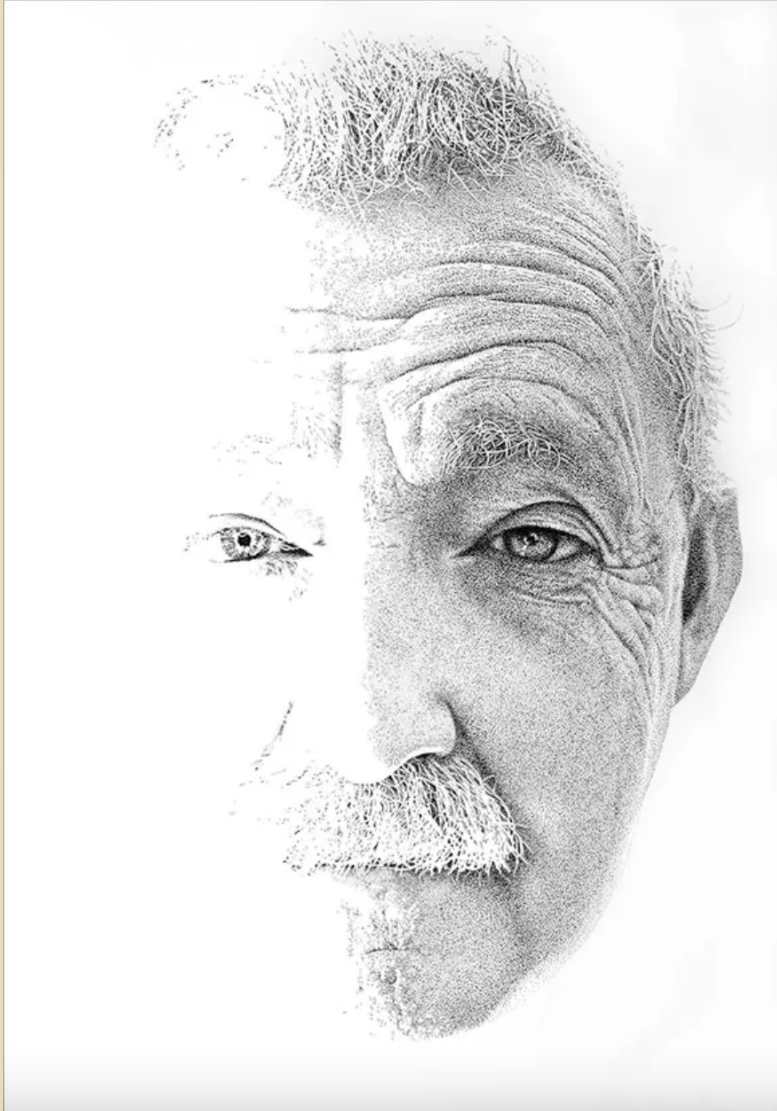
# On a more philosophical note...

*The portrayal of the church as the body of Christ, as a single body, yet with multiple parts each doing what they were created to do is a **perfect picture of unity in the church***

*Yet, the church today is diverse, out of sync, and bickering about all sorts of things. We have forgotten to seek Christ first, without anything in between us and the Lord.*

*I think of it as a Pointillism drawing.*

# Pointillism Example



- As dots increase, the clearer the picture becomes
- Fully finished, the pictures are dramatically clear
- Extend this to the church
  - Picture of Christ
  - Each dot represents a person using his/her Spiritual Gifts
  - If they are not using them, there is no dot



# The Church the world *sees...or should see*

Picture this view of the Church with  
everyone using their gifts to build up the  
body

Let's say this is 2 Million dots...what if 50%  
were not using their gifts

What about 80% not using them?

What about you, what about me?

How faint does the picture get before it is  
unrecognizable?



# 1 Cor 13:31b

Paul finishes this chapter and sets the state for what is called the “Love Chapter”

***Love Is Indispensable***

***<sup>31b</sup>And yet I will show you the most excellent way.***

# Next week, Feb 7, 2021

*We will return to **1 Corinthians** and pick up where we left off at Chapter 13.*

*Pray for those we have listed*

- If you have any Questions on what we have covered, please send me a note and I will try and answer them*
- As always, call Vicki or me if we can help you in any way*

*God Bless each of you*