



Discerning the Body of Christ

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 - Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
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- Eph 1:22 y sometió todas las cosas bajo sus pies, y lo dio por cabeza sobre todas las cosas a la iglesia,
 - Eph 1:23 la cual es su cuerpo, la plenitud de Aquel que todo lo llena en todo.

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- Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:
- **Col 1:24** Ahora me gozo en lo que padezco por vosotros, y cumplo en mi carne lo que falta de las aflicciones de Cristo por su cuerpo, que es la iglesia;

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- Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- **Act 20:28** Por tanto, mirad por vosotros, y por todo el rebaño en que el Espíritu Santo os ha puesto por obispos, para apacentar la iglesia del Señor, la cual él ganó por su propia sangre.

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- Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
- **Eph 1:14** que es las arras de nuestra herencia hasta la redención de la posesión adquirida, para alabanza de su gloria.

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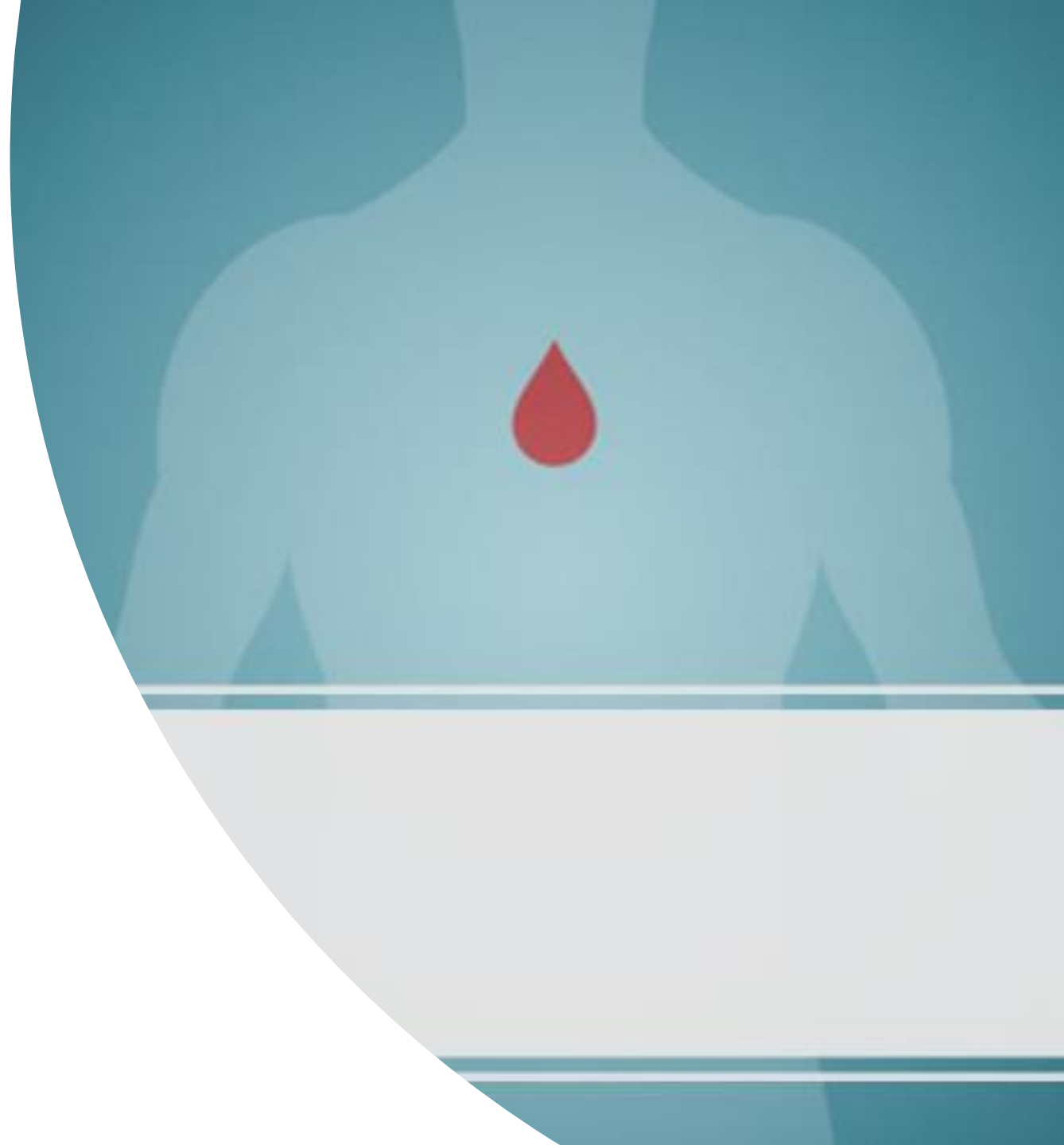


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- The church has a Purposeful Plan: (Eph 1:23, 3:9-11; 2 Co 5:20)



B. Eph 1:17-19—We need eyes to see how incredible this really is.



Ye are.....

- A. Note the pleural pronoun:
- B. Our individual identities are wrapped up in our corporate identity.
- “‘Me’ is now a part of God’s ‘Ye’, and ‘we’””. Romans 12:1 also—present your bodies (pleural) a living sacrifice (singular).



Members in
the body of
Christ



More Members!



And More.....



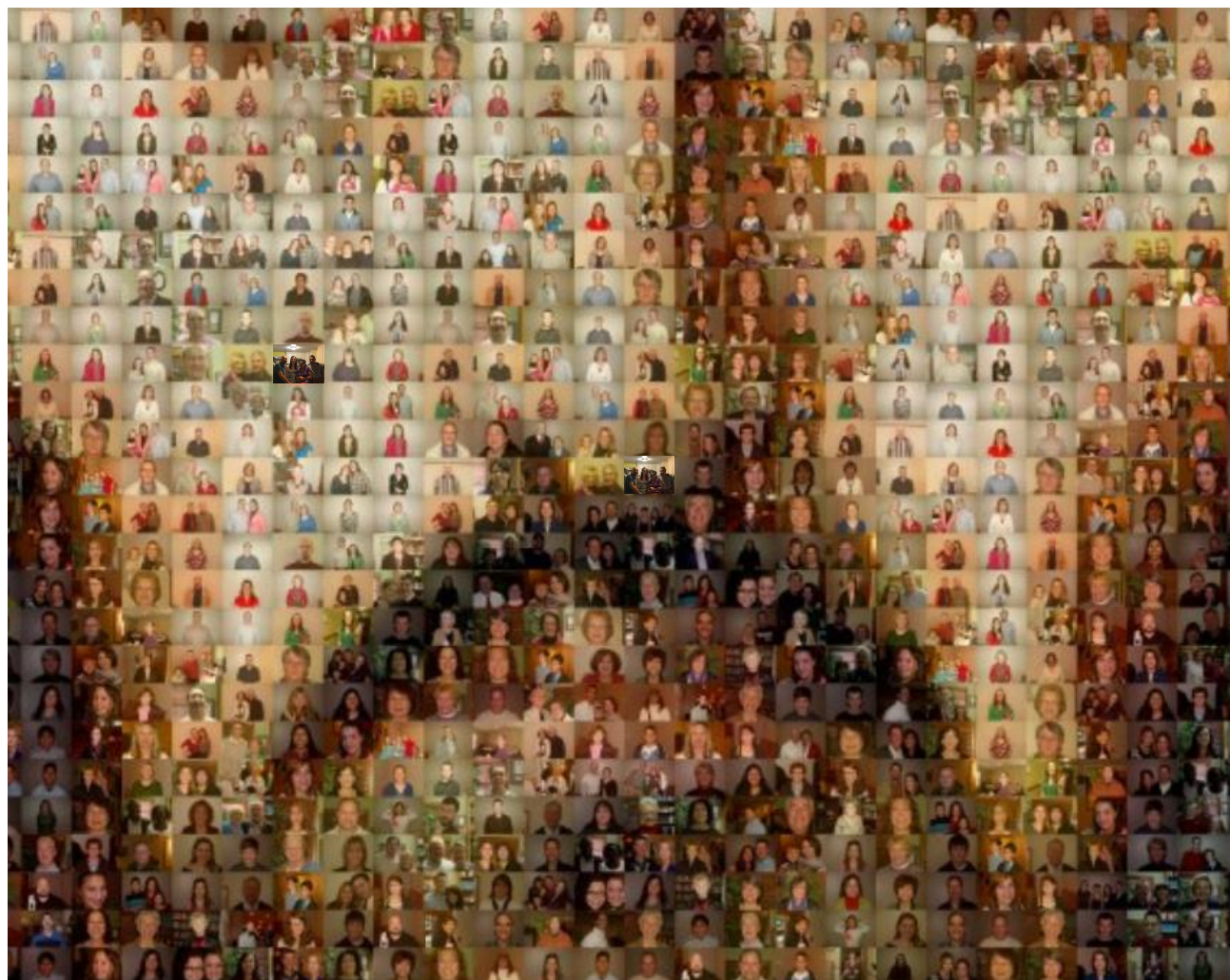
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How Precious are our Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Ye are.....

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- The body of Christ is our identity.



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- If we do not discern it we will despise it. (1 Co 11:17-34)



3. The body....

A. Note the singular Noun:

B. One body: This is why the Bible and MBT focused on unity.
Not 2 or a hundred bodies !



3. The body....

- A discerning church will treat its brothers and sisters right.....



3. The body....

- Need each other (practically)—
Why? Because we have a mission. (1 Co 12:18-25)



3. The body....

-because the members see each other right! How valuable something is depends on what it costs. (Acts 20:28). How valuable are the members of this church to you?



Of Christ...

A. His body, not mine or ours.



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B. His plan, not mine, or ours.
This is the mission.



And members in particular.

A. Each member matters! (1 Co 12)





The Pharisee did not
take care of the Body
of Christ:

- Wash Feet
- Tears
- Kiss
- Anoint





- **1Ti 5:10** Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.
- **1Ti 5:10** que tenga testimonio de buenas obras; si ha criado hijos; si ha practicado la hospitalidad; si ha lavado los pies de los santos; si ha socorrido a los afligidos; si ha practicado toda buena obra.

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- **1Th 5:26** Saludad a todos los hermanos con ósculo santo.
- **1Th 5:26** Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.



- Php 1:3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
- Php 1:4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,
- Php 1:3 Doy gracias a mi Dios siempre que me acuerdo de vosotros,
- Php 1:4 siempre en todas mis oraciones rogando con gozo por todos vosotros,

