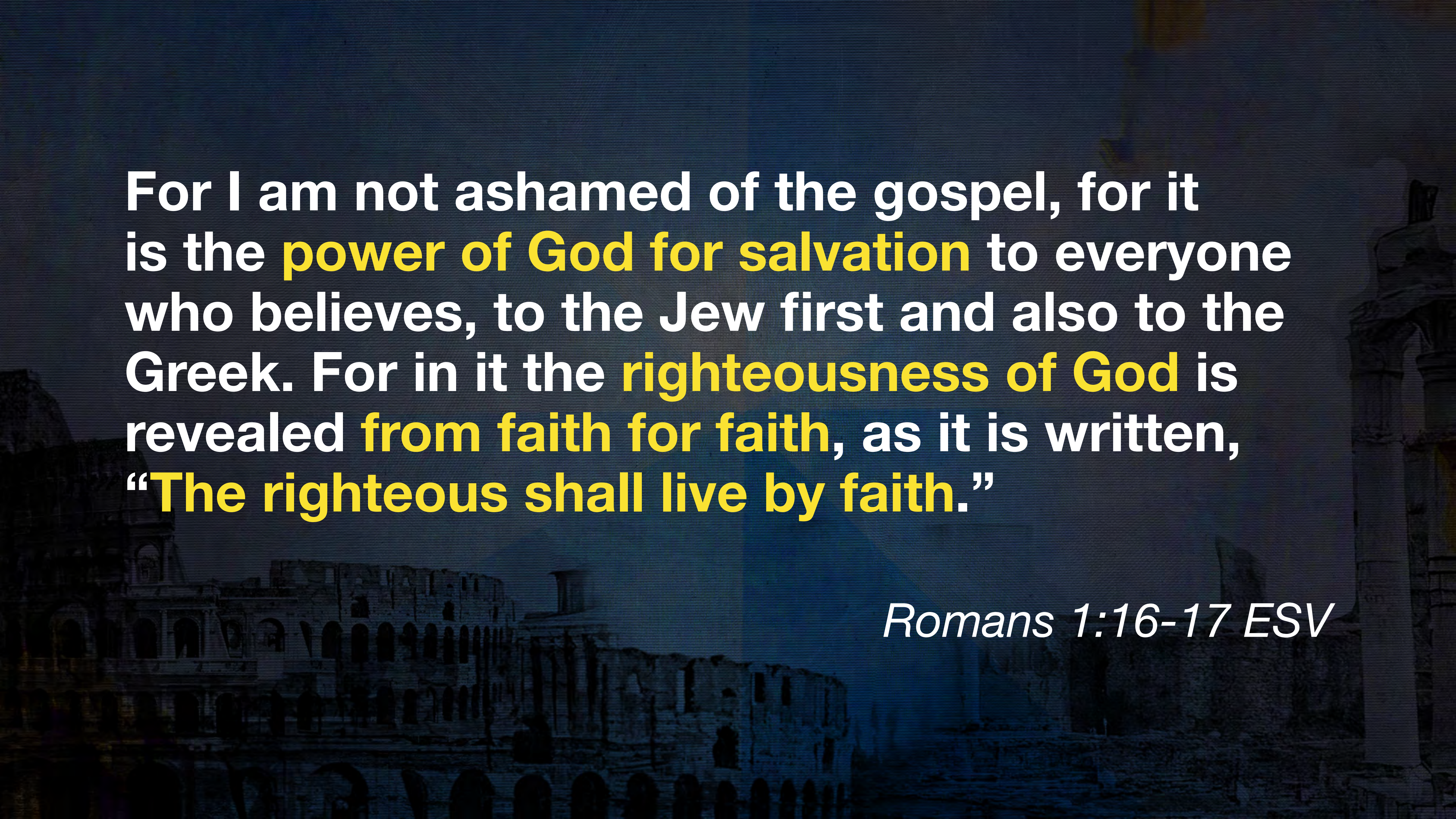




Rescued

God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans
Week 18 - One Body, Many Parts

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed **from faith for faith**, as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

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For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to **think with sober judgment**, each according to the **measure of faith** that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are **one body in Christ**, and **individually members** one of another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, **let us use them**: if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith; if **service**, in our serving; the one who **teaches**, in his teaching; the one who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; the one who **contributes**, in generosity; the one who **leads**, with zeal; the one who does **acts of mercy**, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3-8 ESV

1. Paul's Transitions To Admonition For Service

By the grace given to me I say... is a soft approach with authority.

Sober judgment: sophroneo – to think (and then live) wisely with self-control over one's passions and desires.



**Each according to the measure of faith that
God has assigned...**

“Faith in the sense of grasping the nature of one’s spiritual gifts and having confidence to exercise it rightly.”

Frank Gaebelein
The Expositors Bible Commentary

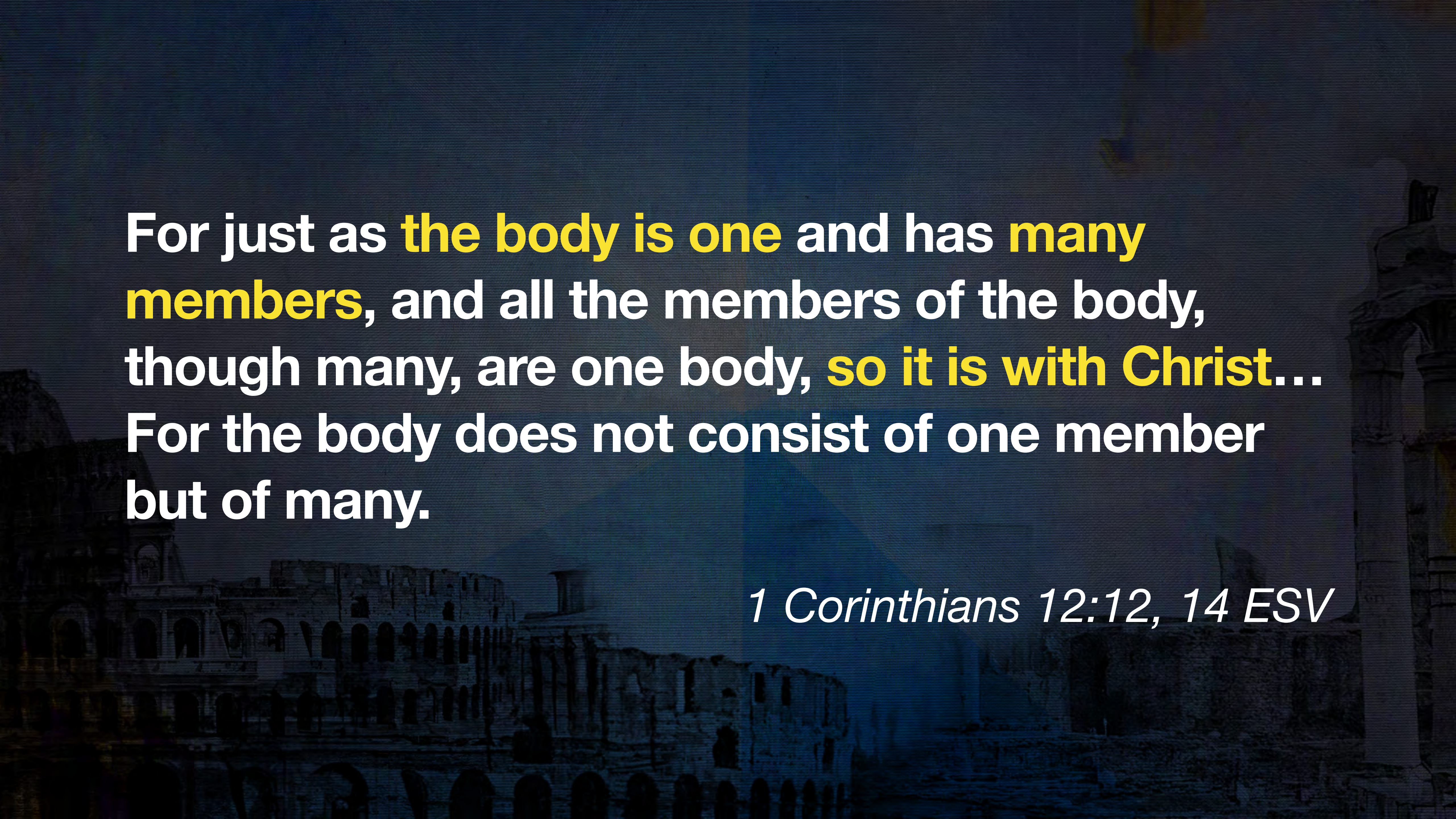
2. Like The Human Body, The Body Of Christ: Has Many Parts

For as in **one body** we have **many members**, and the members do not all have the same **function**....

Romans 12:4 ESV



Function: *praxis* – any specific behavior with the idea of purposeful activity.



For just as **the body is one** and has **many members**, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, **so it is with Christ...**
For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 14 ESV

3. Like The Human Body, The Body Of Christ: Is Interconnected

...so we, though many, are **one body** in Christ, and **individually members one of another.**

Romans 12:5 ESV

Now there are **varieties of gifts**, but the **same Spirit**; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are **varieties of activities**, but it is the **same God** who **empowers** them all in **everyone**. To each is given the **manifestation of the Spirit** for the **common good**.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ESV

4. Like The Human Body, The Body Of Christ: Sees All Parts As Important

Having **gifts** that **differ** according to the grace given to us, **let us use them...**

Romans 12:6a ESV

We have **different gifts**, according to the grace given to each of us.

Romans 12:6a NIV

However, since we have **gifts that differ** according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly...

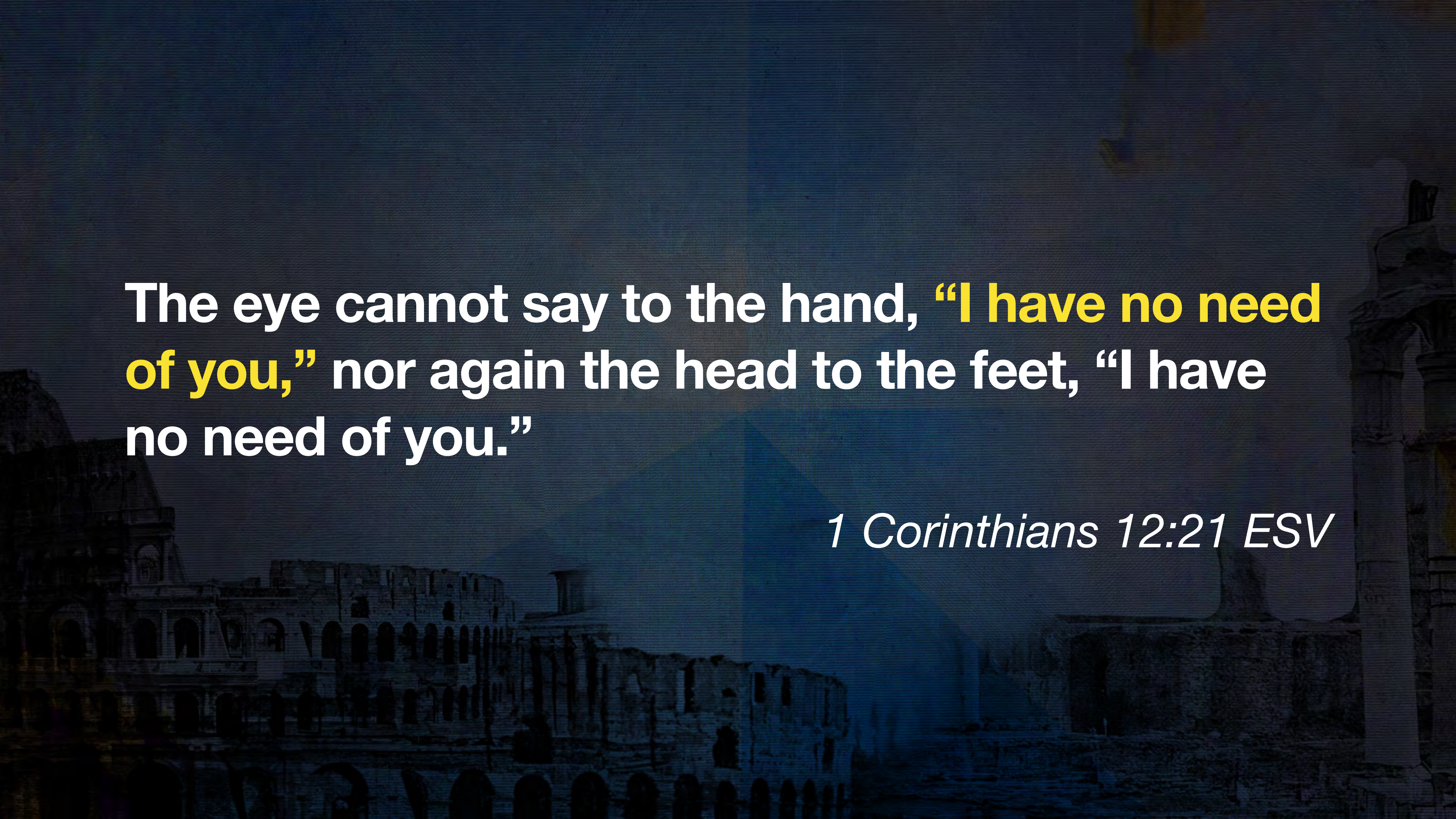
Romans 12:6a NASB



**According to the Grace -
God's disseminated gifts**

If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.... If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, **God arranged the members** in the body, each one of them, **as He chose.**

1 Corinthians 12:15-18 ESV



The eye cannot say to the hand, **“I have no need of you,”** nor again the head to the feet, **“I have no need of you.”**

1 Corinthians 12:21 ESV

5. Paul Concluded With Examples

...if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith; if **service**, in our serving; the one who **teaches**, in his teaching; the one who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; the one who **contributes**, in generosity; the one who **leads**, with zeal; the one who does **acts of mercy**,

Romans 12:7-8 ESV



Prophecy: *propheteia* – The ability to deliver representative declarations of the mind, will, or knowledge of God.



Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the **prophets**, but
in these last days he has **spoken to us by his
Son.**

Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV

Service: *diakonia* – Work done to benefit

Teaching: *didasko* – The imparting of skills or knowledge

Not many of you should become **teachers**, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be **judged with greater strictness.**

James 3:1 ESV

Exhortation: *paraklesis* – The act of earnest support or encouragement

Contributing: *metadidomi* – To give out of one's portion or share

Leading: *proistemi* – To be in charge of

Mercy: *eleao* – To show mercy, compassion or pity

1. Thanks To Those Using Their Gifts

Whatever you do, **work heartily**, as for **the Lord** and **not for men**, knowing that from the Lord you will **receive the inheritance** as your reward. You are **serving the Lord Christ**.

Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

2. Contribute To The Body

To each is given the manifestation of the **Spirit**
for the **common good**.

1 Corinthians 12:7 ESV

3. Discern Your Gifts

Believe that you are gifted for a purpose

Pray for wisdom

Read the Word

Take a spiritual gifts inventory

3. Discern Your Gifts

Examine your heart's desires

Seek confirmation

Get involved