

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (New International Version)

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 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. Even so, the body is not made up of one part, but of many.

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. 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. 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? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as God wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

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!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 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, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

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

“We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race.” – **Kofi Annan**

“Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.”
– **Mahatma Gandhi**

“What we have to do... is to find a way to celebrate our diversity and debate our differences without fracturing our communities.” – **Hillary Clinton**

“In diversity there is beauty and there is strength.” – **Maya Angelou**

“We are of course a nation of differences. Those differences don’t make us weak. They’re the source of our strength.” – **Jimmy Carter**

“We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We stand together until the end.”
– **Woodrow T. Wilson**

