Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation — you set the pace.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

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Information



Moms, this annual event is a great chance to spend some time with your little guy (through the 4th grade). Come play games, eat county fair food, and create memories. Cost is \$10.



Guys, join us for a free hot breakfast (or choose a lighter option) as we hear from Reggie Coe and Dr. Barry Prestridge about their trip to India. Sign up online or in the Main Hall if you'll be there!



We're making preparations to provide a time of Fall fun and games for the children and women served by Faith Refuge. If you'd like to join us or provide candy, stop by our table today!



If you'd like to learn more about Grace Church and our beliefs, as well as your own identity as a believer in Christ, sign up online or in the Main Hall. E-mail leah@gracechurch.com for details.

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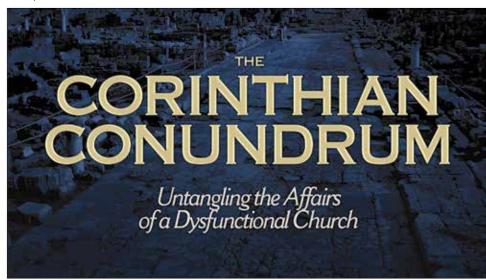
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This morning we continue our study of the book of 1 Corinthians, which began in January and resumed in September after a summer break. If you'd like to catch up on previous lessons, listen online any time at gracechurch.com/podcast

Updates and Family Matters

Syrian Refugee Help

When we are exposed to international needs like the plight of Syrian refugees in Europe, it can be difficult to know how to respond or relieve the suffering we see in the news. Samaritan's Purse is an organization we have examined and trust to deliver resources to those in need. If you would like to donate financially toward refugee relief or learn more about the issues involved, please visit them online at SamaritansPurse.org.

Israel Trip: June 3-13, 2016

You are invited to join us for a tour of "the Holy Land" as we study and experience the region that helped shape the early church. The cost of \$4,075 includes airfare, ground travel, accommodations, and two meals per day. A payment plan is available after your initial deposit.

Asian Christian Academy Trip

Please pray for our team as they continue work in India this week. Watch for occasional updates online as they share their stories of how God is at work in the region.

Family Matters

Please pray for Diane Granbery as she grieves the loss of her mother.

This Week

Churchwi<u>de</u>

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

Small Groups

Women's Community Group

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Loft

Adult Studies

The Book of Matthew

Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 AM in the Dining Room

The Book of Acts

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

Quest

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Conference Room

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Women

Engage

Monday, 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 209

Respectfully Yours

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

Breath

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

MOMs Book Study

Thursday, 10:00-11:30 AM in Room 208

College & Career

Late Night

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

Senior High

Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Junior High

Junior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

5th & 6th Grade

Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Children

Mother + Son Night

Sunday, 5:30-7:00 PM in the G.Y.M.

Kids Quest

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Children's Area

Senior Adults

Tuesday Afternoon Study

Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 PM in Room 111

This Morning

Lesson 22: The Unified Diversity of the Body of Christ—1 Corinthians 12:12–31a Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- **I.** The creation of unified diversity: The human body is analogous to the Body of Christ whose unified diversity is created by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit—1 Corinthians 12:12–13.
 - **A.** The human body illustrates the principle of unity—1 Corinthians 12:12a.
 - **B.** The principle of unity in the human body is replicated in the Body of Jesus Christ— *1 Corinthians 12:12b.*
 - C. Unity in the Body of Christ is created by the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit— 1 Corinthians 12:13.
- **II.** The honor in unified diversity: The human body illustrates the importance of each member in the Body of Christ—1 Corinthians 12:14–19.
 - **A.** The unity of the human body is composed of many individual members—
 1 Corinthians 12:14.
 - **B.** Each member is a vital part of the Body of Christ—1 Corinthians 12:15–18.
 - **1.** Diversity in giftedness is not a difference in value—1 Corinthians 12:15–16.
 - **2.** Diversity in giftedness is necessary for the functioning of the Body— *1 Corinthians 12:17.*
 - **3.** Diversity in giftedness is a sovereign decision by God—1 Corinthians 12:18.
 - C. The absence of diversity invalidates true unity, which is dependent upon it— 1 Corinthians 12:19.
- **III.** The care of unified diversity: The unified diversity of the human body illustrates the importance of honor and care within the Body of Christ—1 Corinthians 12:20–26.
 - **A.** The unity of the Body of Christ is formed by her rich and varied diversity—

 1 Corinthians 12:20.
 - **B.** The unified diversity of the Body of Christ invalidates an autonomous attitude among its members—1 Corinthians 12:21.
 - **C.** The unified diversity of the Body of Christ provides dignity to each member— 1 Corinthians 12:22–24a.
 - **D.** The unified diversity of the Body of Christ is intended to promote personal care and support among its members—1 Corinthians 12:24b–26.
- **IV.** The development of unified diversity: Giving priority to the equipping gifts will develop interdependence and love within the Body of Christ—1 Corinthians 12:27–31a.

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

- 1. Paul uses the human body as an analogy for the Body of Christ in order to illustrate the importance of unified diversity. Think about your own relationships—perhaps a friend group or even your marriage. In what ways are you thankful to be around someone who is designed and gifted much differently from you? In what ways have you seen those differences work toward the greater good in a given situation?
- 2. Paul describes the dangers of one part of the body treating another as less valuable. How have you ever found yourself looking down on someone because they are gifted or wired differently than you?
- 3. What are some of the challenges we face in relationships when we are around people who are different from us? How do we struggle in the context of diversity? What feelings or emotions are stirred when we find ourselves surrounded by people who are different from us?
- **4.** Paul also highlights the need for diversity in order for there to be unity. What are the dangers of surrounding ourselves with people who are exactly like us?
- 5. In what ways can diversity make relating to and working with others easier?
- 6. Where do you struggle to embrace diversity within the Church? What opportunities do you see to help promote and embrace unity in the Body of Christ?