

40 Days Of Prayer
The Body Of Christ – NOW
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Key Verse Of 40 Days Of Prayer – NOW

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Romans 13:11 NIV

Key Verse of the Day

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

The Church as the Body Of Christ is how Jesus is uniquely _____ in the World today.

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:18 NIV

Why Does The Holy Spirit Give Spiritual Gifts?

1. The Holy Spirit desires to glorify Jesus as _____.

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 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 Corinthians 12:1-3

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2. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts for the good of _____.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NIV

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

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3. The Holy Spirit demonstrates God's _____ in giving spiritual gifts.

To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 NIV

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4. The Holy Spirit celebrates _____ in the midst of _____ through spiritual gifts.

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 he 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. 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 NIV

Grab This!

There are no _____ Christians in the body of Christ!

... in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be...

Why Does The Holy Spirit Give Spiritual Gifts?

5. The Holy Spirit's giving of spiritual gifts helps us understand that we all belong to **CHRIST** and to _____ as well.

***21** 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!” **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** 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, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment.*

*But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 1 Corinthians 12:21-26 NIV*

- We _____ each other. (Vs. 21-22)
- We _____ from each other. (Vs. 24-25a)
- We are to _____ for each other. (Vs. 25b-26)

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The Bottom Line

If you are in relationship with Jesus — you are _____ of the Body of Christ — the Holy Spirit has a _____ for you in the Body of Christ — and you are to _____ to the common good of the Body of Christ.

The Challenge

How are you contributing to the common good of the Body of Christ?