

A stylized illustration of a church interior. In the foreground, the backs of several people are visible as they sit in wooden pews, facing towards the front of the church. The people are depicted in various shades of brown, tan, and grey. In the center background, there is a white altar with a simple wooden cross on top. Above the altar is a large, arched window. The walls of the church are light-colored with vertical paneling. The overall lighting is soft and even.

The Church Is More Than an Organisation

The Verse Behind Ephesians 1:23

Ephesians 1:23

"Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

The church is often described as a building, an organisation, a denomination, a weekly service, or a group of people who share the same beliefs.

And yes, the church uses buildings. It needs organisation. It gathers at set times. It has leaders, responsibilities, and practical work to do.

But none of those things tell us what the church truly is.

Paul says the church is **Christ's body**. That means the church isn't merely an organisation built around Jesus. It is a living people joined to Jesus.

Christ is the **Head**. The church is His **body**. His life flows through it. His Spirit dwells within it. His work continues through it.

And Paul goes even further. He calls the church: **"The fulness of him that filleth all in all."**

That doesn't mean the church makes up for something lacking in Christ. Christ lacks nothing. The fullness belongs to Him. But the church is joined to that fullness, filled by Christ, and called to express His life in the world.

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The Church Is His Body

Ephesians 1:23 begins: "**Which is his body.**"

The word "which" points back to the church in the previous verse. Ephesians 1:22 says God: "**Gave him to be the head over all things to the church.**" Then verse 23 explains: "**Which is his body.**"

Christ is the Head. The church is the body.

This is much more than a nice picture. It tells us about identity, life, authority, unity, dependence, and purpose.

Connected

A body is connected to its head.

Directed

A body receives direction from its head.

Expressive

A body expresses the will of its head.

Dependent

A body isn't meant to live independently.

That is the relationship between Christ and His church. The church exists because it is joined to Him. It has life because He has life. It has purpose because He gives it purpose. It has direction because He is the Head.

The Church Is Not the Building

When many people hear the word "church," they immediately think of a building. They say, "We're going to church." They mean they're going to a certain location.

There is nothing wrong with using the word that way in everyday conversation. But **biblically, the church isn't the building.**

The church can meet in a building. It can meet in a home. It can meet outdoors. It can gather in a rented hall. It can gather in secret. The building may change. The church remains.

Romans 16:5 mentions: **"The church that is in their house."** The church was the people gathered in Christ, not the walls surrounding them.

A building can be sold. A building can be damaged. A building can sit empty. The church is alive because **the church is Christ's body.**

If every church building disappeared tomorrow, the church would still exist. It might make Sunday morning slightly more complicated, but the body of Christ would still be alive.

The Church Is Not Merely an Organisation

The church does require organisation. The book of Acts shows believers appointing leaders, distributing resources, solving practical problems, and making decisions. Paul gave instructions concerning elders, deacons, discipline, giving, worship, and teaching.

Organisation isn't the problem. The problem begins when we think organisation is what gives the church life.

A church can have excellent systems and very little spiritual life. It can have policies, meetings, budgets, programs, rosters, strategies, and committees. All of those things may be useful. But none of them can produce the life of Christ.

An organisation can continue operating after it has forgotten why it exists. The calendar remains full. The meetings continue. The lights come on. The music starts. Everyone knows where to sit.

But is the body connected to the Head? That is the real question.

The Church Is a Living Body

A body is alive. Paul isn't describing a religious machine. He is describing a living relationship between Christ and His people.

First Corinthians 12:27 says: **"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."**

Every believer is a member of the body. Not a customer. Not a spectator. Not a spiritual consumer waiting to review the sermon on the way home. **A member.**

That means every believer belongs. Every believer has a place. Every believer has a function. Every believer is connected to the other members through Christ.

The body isn't made up of one gifted person doing everything while everyone else watches. The body works as every member contributes what Christ has supplied.

One Body, Many Members

First Corinthians 12:12 says: "**For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.**"

The body is one, but it has many parts. The hand isn't the foot. The eye isn't the ear. The heart isn't the lung. Each part has a different function, but every part belongs to the same body.

That is how the church works. Different gifts. Different roles. Different backgrounds. Different personalities. Different levels of maturity. But **one body**.

This means **unity doesn't require uniformity**. We don't all need to speak the same way, think exactly alike about every minor issue, or serve in the same role. The body needs variety.

Imagine a body made entirely of ears. It might hear wonderfully, but it wouldn't get very far. God gives different gifts because the body has different needs.

Christ Places the Members in the Body

First Corinthians 12:18 says: **"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."**

God places believers in the body. That gives dignity to every member. Your value isn't determined by whether your gift is visible.

Some parts of the body are seen. Other parts work quietly. Most people notice the mouth. Very few spend their day appreciating the liver. But remove the liver and suddenly everyone becomes deeply interested. The body needs both visible and hidden parts.

The same is true in the church. The person teaching publicly matters. The person praying quietly matters. The person serving behind the scenes matters. The person encouraging someone privately matters. The person giving faithfully matters. The person showing hospitality matters.

The person nobody notices may be carrying more weight than anyone realises. **God sees the whole body.**

No Member Can Say, "I Don't Matter"

First Corinthians 12:15 says: **"If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body."**

Paul shows how foolish comparison can become. The foot looks at the hand and thinks, "I'm not as useful." But the foot is still part of the body.

In the church, comparison makes people despise the place God has given them. We look at someone else's gift. They preach. They sing. They lead. They seem confident. People notice them. Then we assume our contribution doesn't matter.

But **God didn't ask you to become someone else's part of the body.** He called you to be faithful in the place He gave you.

The foot doesn't need to become a hand. It needs to walk. The eye doesn't need to become an ear. It needs to see. **Faithfulness matters more than visibility.**

No Member Can Say, "I Don't Need You"

First Corinthians 12:21 says: **"And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee."**

Pride is the opposite problem. Comparison says, "I don't matter." Pride says, "You don't matter." Both are wrong.

No believer is the whole body. No ministry has every gift. No pastor has everything the church needs. No denomination contains the entire body of Christ. **We need one another.**

That can be inconvenient. People are complicated. They misunderstand us. They disagree. They forget things. They occasionally bring the wrong food to the church lunch.

But Christ didn't save us into isolation. He placed us in a body. Christian maturity includes learning to receive from other believers as well as serve them.

The Body Belongs to Christ

Paul doesn't merely say we are a body. He says we are: **"His body."** The church belongs to Christ. He purchased it.

Acts 20:28 says the church was purchased: **"With his own blood."** First Corinthians 6:20 says: **"For ye are bought with a price."**

The body belongs to the One who paid for it. That means no leader owns the church. No congregation owns the church. No denomination owns the church. No family owns the church because their relatives have been there for sixty years and apparently claimed a particular row of seats sometime around 1974.

The church belongs to Jesus. We may be stewards. We may serve. We may lead. But **Christ owns the body.**

Christ Is the Head of the Body

Colossians 1:18 says: **"And he is the head of the body, the church."**

The body receives its direction from the Head. That means the church can't define itself without Christ. It can't determine its message apart from Him. It can't invent its own mission. It can't decide what is true based on cultural pressure or popular opinion. **Christ is the Head.**

Ephesians 4:15 tells us to: **"Grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."**

Growth means becoming more closely aligned with the Head. A church isn't spiritually mature simply because it has existed for a long time. Age can produce maturity. It can also produce very old habits.

True maturity means growing in Christ - growing in truth, growing in love, growing in obedience, growing in holiness, growing in service, growing in dependence upon Him.

The Body Receives Life From the Head

Colossians 2:19 speaks about: "**Holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.**"

The body receives nourishment from the Head. This is a vital point. **The church doesn't create spiritual life. Christ supplies it.**

We can organise people. We can advertise events. We can build programs. We can create impressive presentations. But only Christ gives life.

Jesus said in John 15:5: "**Without me ye can do nothing.**" That isn't religious exaggeration. It is the reality of spiritual dependence.

A branch separated from the vine doesn't become more independent. It dies. A body separated from its head doesn't become free. It dies.

The church must remain connected to Christ through His Word, His Spirit, prayer, faith, and obedience.

The Church Was Born Through Christ's Death and Resurrection

The church exists because Jesus died and rose again. Ephesians 2 teaches that Christ created one new people through the cross. Jew and Gentile were divided. But Ephesians 2:16 says Christ reconciled both unto God: **"In one body by the cross."**

The cross didn't merely save individuals separately. **It created one body.** Christ died to remove the hostility between sinners and God. He also broke down the wall of division between believing Jews and Gentiles.

Ephesians 2:14 says: **"For he is our peace, who hath made both one."**

The church is a **cross-created community**. We aren't one because we naturally agree. We are one because Christ reconciled us through His blood.

The Holy Spirit Places Us Into the Body

First Corinthians 12:13 says: **"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."**

The Holy Spirit joins believers to the body of Christ. This is not something we achieve through human effort. We don't create the body by organising ourselves. **The Spirit places us into it.**

The verse continues: **"Whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free."**

Social background doesn't determine our place in the body. Ethnicity doesn't determine it. Wealth doesn't determine it. Status doesn't determine it. Every believer is brought into the same body through the same Spirit.

That means there are **no second-class members in Christ**. Different roles, yes. Different levels of maturity, certainly. But not different levels of belonging.

The Body Is the Temple of God

The church is described as a body, but it is also described as **God's temple**.

Ephesians 2:21 says believers are: "**Fitly framed together**" and growing: "**Unto an holy temple in the Lord.**"

Then verse 22 says: "**In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**"

God dwells in His people. The church isn't holy because it owns a religious building. It is holy because God lives within it by His Spirit.

The Old Testament temple was the place associated with God's presence. But under the new covenant, God's dwelling isn't limited to a physical structure in Jerusalem. He dwells within His people. Together, believers form His habitation.

That means church life is more serious than attending a meeting. We are participating in the **dwelling place of God**.

The Body Makes Christ Visible

Christ is now exalted at the right hand of God. Yet His Spirit-filled body remains active on earth. Through the church, the character and work of Christ are made visible.



Christ loves through His body.



Christ serves through His body.



Christ speaks through His body as the gospel is proclaimed.



Christ gives through His body.



Christ reaches the hurting through His body.

That doesn't mean every action of every church automatically represents Christ. Sadly, Christians can misrepresent Him. We can act selfishly. We can become controlling. We can speak without love. We can fail people badly. But the calling remains. **The body is meant to express the life of the Head.**

The Church Continues Christ's Mission

Before Jesus ascended, He told His disciples: **"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."**

Christ was sent into the world. Now His people are sent into the world. We don't continue His work of redemption in the sense of adding anything to the cross. His sacrifice is complete. His cry was: **"It is finished."**

But we continue His mission by proclaiming what He accomplished. We preach the gospel. We make disciples. We care for people. We stand for truth. We forgive. We serve. We bear witness to the risen Christ.

The Head directs His body to carry His message into the world.

The Church Must Look Like Its Head

If the church is Christ's body, then it should increasingly reflect Christ's character.

Grace and Truth

Jesus was full of grace and truth. The church should hold grace and truth together.

Care for the Vulnerable

Jesus cared for the poor, the sick, the rejected, and the forgotten. The church should care.

Confronting Hypocrisy

Jesus confronted hypocrisy. The church should confront hypocrisy, beginning with its own.

Proclaiming Forgiveness

Jesus forgave sinners who came to Him. The church should proclaim forgiveness.

Calling to Repentance

Jesus called people to repentance. The church must not remove repentance from the gospel.

Self-Giving Love

Jesus laid down His life. The body should reflect the self-giving love of its Head.

The Church Is Not Christ

We need to keep an important balance. The church is Christ's body, but **the church is not Christ Himself**. Christ remains the Head. He is Lord. He is perfect. The church is made up of redeemed people who are still growing.

That means we should never treat every church decision, tradition, statement, or action as though it carries the same authority as Jesus. Churches can be wrong. Leaders can fail. Believers can misunderstand Scripture. **The body must remain submitted to the Head.**

We honour the church without pretending the church is infallible. We love the body while recognising that **Christ alone is the Lord of the body.**

Loving Christ Includes Loving His Body

Some Christians say, "I love Jesus. I just don't want anything to do with the church." That feeling often comes from real pain. **Church hurt is real.** People may have been controlled, rejected, ignored, shamed, or disappointed by those who should have cared for them. We shouldn't dismiss that pain with a quick religious answer.

But we also can't separate Christ from His body forever. Jesus loves the church. Ephesians 5:25 says: "**Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.**"

We can't claim to love the Head while despising every member of His body. The answer to a wounded body isn't permanent disconnection. It is healing, truth, healthy boundaries, forgiveness where possible, wisdom, and reconnection to Christ's people in a safe and faithful setting.

The church may have problems. Every family does. But it is still **His body**.

Christ Nourishes and Cherishes the Body

Ephesians 5:29 says: **"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church."**

Christ nourishes His church. He doesn't abandon His body. He feeds it through His Word. He strengthens it through the Spirit. He gives gifts. He appoints leaders. He corrects what is wrong. He heals what is wounded. He disciplines because He loves. He prepares the church for glory.

Sometimes we look at the church's weaknesses and wonder how Christ could remain committed to it. Then we remember He knew exactly what He was purchasing. He didn't die for a perfect church. He died to create, cleanse, sanctify, and perfect His church.

Christ Will Present His Church Glorious

Ephesians 5:27 says Christ will present the church to Himself: "**A glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.**"

The church's present condition isn't its final condition. Right now, the body has wounds. It has weaknesses. It has divisions. It has immaturity. It sometimes stumbles badly. But **Christ has not finished His work.**

He will sanctify His people. He will remove every spot. He will bring the body to maturity. He will present the church holy and without blemish.

Our confidence in the church's future isn't based on human leadership. It is based on **Christ's commitment to His body.**

The Fullness of Him

Paul calls the church: **"The fulness of him."** This phrase can sound strange. How can the church be the fullness of Christ? Does Christ need the church to become complete? **No.**

Scripture clearly teaches that all fullness dwells in Christ. Colossians 1:19 says: **"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."**

Colossians 2:9 says: **"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."**

Christ isn't incomplete. He is fully God. He possesses all fullness. The church doesn't add deity, authority, life, or glory to Christ. **The fullness begins in Him. It belongs to Him. It flows from Him.**

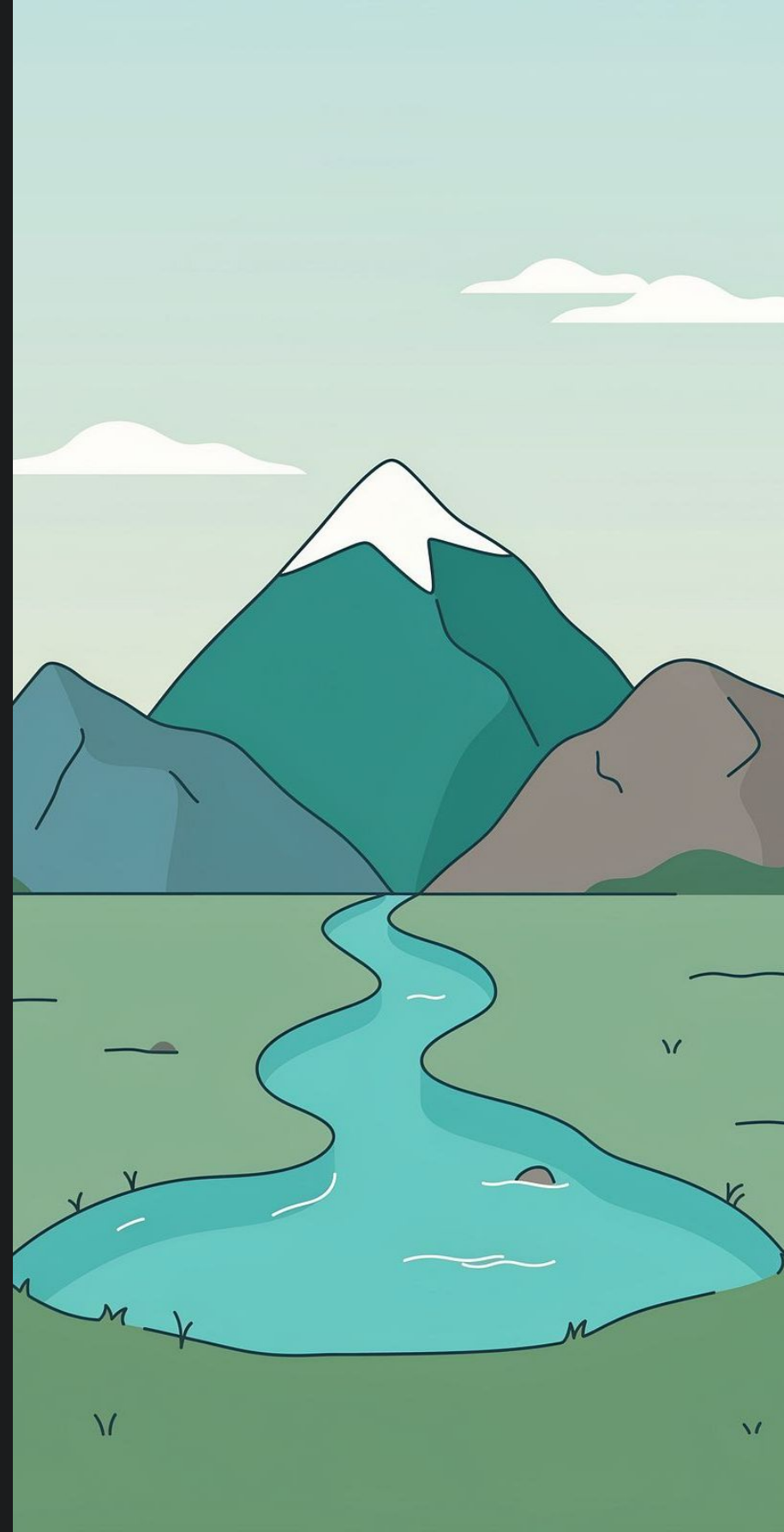
The Church Is Filled From Christ's Fullness

Ephesians 1:23 describes the church as connected to the fullness of Christ. Christ fills His body with His presence, life, gifts, power, and grace.

John 1:16 says: **"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace."**

We receive from His fullness. We don't produce our own spiritual supply. **Everything comes from Christ.** Grace comes from Him. Life comes from Him. Truth comes from Him. The Spirit comes through Him. Spiritual gifts come from Him. Strength comes from Him. Wisdom comes from Him.

The church is full only as Christ fills it. Without Him, it is empty no matter how impressive it looks.



The Church Displays Christ's Fullness

The church also displays something of Christ's fullness in the world. One believer alone doesn't express every gift or aspect of Christ's ministry.

Teaching

One person may teach.

Mercy

Another may show mercy.

Service

Another may serve.

Giving

Another may give.

Encouragement

Another may encourage.

Leadership

Another may lead.

Together, the body gives a fuller expression of Christ's life than one isolated member could give. This is why the body needs every part. Christ's wisdom is displayed through different gifts. His love is expressed through different people. His grace reaches different needs. His ministry is carried out through the whole body.

No individual Christian is the complete expression of Christ's body. Together, we are joined to the Head and called to display His fullness.

Christ Fills All in All

Paul describes Christ as the One: "**That filleth all in all.**" Christ's fullness isn't limited. He fills all things. He is Lord over all creation.

Ephesians 4:10 says Christ ascended: "**Far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.**" The One who descended also ascended. The crucified Christ is the exalted Christ. His authority reaches everywhere.

His presence isn't limited to one nation, one building, one culture, or one group. Christ fills His church throughout the world. A believer worshipping in Australia is connected to the same Head as a believer in Africa, Asia, Europe, America, or anywhere else.

Different languages. Different customs. Different locations. **One body. One Spirit. One Lord.**

The Fullness Is Not Human Achievement

The church doesn't reach fullness by becoming more impressive. It doesn't become full through popularity. It doesn't become full through money. It doesn't become full through political influence. It doesn't become full because everyone admires its branding.

The church is filled by Christ. Ephesians 3:19 says Paul prays that believers might: "**Be filled with all the fulness of God.**" That fullness is connected to knowing the love of Christ.

The church becomes spiritually full as it knows Christ, trusts Christ, obeys Christ, reflects Christ, and remains connected to Christ.

The answer to spiritual emptiness isn't always another program. Sometimes the church needs to **return to its Head.**

Fullness and Spiritual Gifts

Ephesians 4 connects Christ's fullness with maturity in the body. Ephesians 4:11 says Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

Verse 12 says these gifts are given: **"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."**

Then verse 13 says: **"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God."**

The goal is: **"Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."**

Christ gives gifts so the body will mature. The gifts are not given to make certain people look important. They are given to build the body. **A spiritual gift is successful when the church grows more like Christ.**

The Fullness Produces Maturity

Paul connects fullness with maturity. Spiritual maturity isn't measured by how loudly someone speaks, how many theological words they know, or how long they have attended church. **Maturity looks like Christ.**

Ephesians 4:14 says immature believers are tossed about by every wind of doctrine. But verse 15 says mature believers speak: "**The truth in love.**"

Truth without love

Can become harsh.

Love without truth

Becomes empty sentiment.

Christ is full of both grace and truth. The mature body reflects both. As the church grows into Christ, it becomes stable, loving, truthful, discerning, and united.

The Body Grows as Every Part Works

Ephesians 4:16 says the whole body is: "**Fitley joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth.**" Then it says the body grows: "**According to the effectual working in the measure of every part.**"

Every part matters. The body grows as every member works properly. Church isn't meant to be a weekly performance where a few people minister and everyone else observes.

- Leaders equip.
- Members serve.
- Gifts operate.
- Needs are met.
- Truth is spoken.
- Love is shown.

The body builds itself up in love. That is what healthy church life looks like.

The Church Is Christ's Presence in the World

Jesus is physically exalted in heaven, but His Spirit-filled body remains on earth. That means the world should encounter something of Christ through His people.

When the church **forgives**, people see the mercy of Christ.

When the church **serves the poor**, people see the compassion of Christ.

When the church **speaks truth**, people hear the authority of Christ's Word.

When the church **welcomes the lonely**, people experience the love of Christ.

When the church **stands against evil**, people see the righteousness of Christ.

When the church **suffers faithfully**, people see the endurance of Christ.

We will never represent Him perfectly in this age. But that is our calling. **The body makes the life of the Head visible.**

We Must Not Misrepresent the Head

Because the church is Christ's body, our failures can give people the wrong impression of Christ.

When Christians become proud, people may assume Christ is proud. When churches control people, people may assume Christ is controlling. When believers are harsh, people may assume Christ is harsh. When churches hide wrongdoing, people may assume Christ doesn't care about justice.

That is a serious responsibility. We don't protect Christ's name by pretending the church never fails. We protect His name by telling the truth, correcting wrong, repenting, seeking forgiveness, and returning to the character of our Head.

The church is strongest when it is honest enough to repent.

The Body Must Care for Its Wounded Members

First Corinthians 12:25 says there should be: **"No schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another."** Then verse 26 says: **"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."**

A healthy body responds when one part is hurting. If you hit your thumb with a hammer, the rest of your body doesn't hold a committee meeting to decide whether the thumb's pain is valid. Everything reacts.

The church should care when members suffer. We don't ignore pain because it is inconvenient. We don't shame people for struggling. We don't tell wounded members to stop making everyone uncomfortable.

We bear one another's burdens. We pray. We listen. We help. We protect. We stand together. **That is how a body behaves.**

The Body Must Protect Unity

Ephesians 4:3 tells believers to endeavour: "**To keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**"

We don't create the body's unity. The Holy Spirit creates it. We protect it. That means **unity is precious.**

Gossip

damages the body.

Bitterness

damages the body.

Pride

damages the body.

Unforgiveness

damages the body.

False teaching

damages the body.

Division

damages the body.

Protecting unity doesn't mean ignoring sin or truth. Real unity is built around Christ. Sometimes truth must confront what is harming the body. But even correction should seek restoration rather than personal victory.

The Body Must Remain Connected

A body part cut off from the body becomes weak. That doesn't mean believers must tolerate abusive or unsafe church environments. Sometimes leaving an unhealthy congregation is necessary. But leaving one harmful setting isn't the same as rejecting Christ's body altogether.

We still need fellowship. We need teaching. We need encouragement. We need correction. We need opportunities to serve. We need other believers when our faith feels weak.

Hebrews 10:25 tells us not to forsake: "**The assembling of ourselves together.**" Then it says we should exhort one another.

Church fellowship isn't simply attending an event. It is **members strengthening one another.**

What This Means for Church Leaders

Leaders must remember they are **serving Christ's body**. The sheep don't belong to them. The gifts don't belong to them. The ministry doesn't belong to them. The platform doesn't belong to them. Everything belongs to Christ.

First Peter 5:2 tells elders: "**Feed the flock of God which is among you.**" It is God's flock. Verse 3 warns them not to become: "**Lords over God's heritage.**"

Church leadership isn't ownership. It is **stewardship**. Leaders serve best when they help members connect more closely to Christ rather than making members dependent upon themselves.

What This Means for Every Believer

You are not an unnecessary part of Christ's body. You may feel ordinary. You may not have a public ministry. You may never stand behind a pulpit. But you belong. Christ placed you in His body.

Your prayers matter.

Your service
matters.

Your
encouragement
matters.

Your faithfulness matters.

Your presence matters.

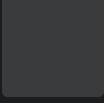
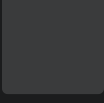
Someone may need the grace Christ supplies through you. Don't despise your place because it doesn't look like someone else's place. **The body needs what Christ has given you.**

The Church Is Not About Us

Church life becomes unhealthy when everything centres on personal preference. Do I like the music? Was the service the right length? Did anyone notice me? Did the pastor say what I wanted? Were the seats comfortable? Did everything suit my taste?

There is room for practical feedback. But the church isn't a product built around the customer. **It is Christ's body.**

The better question is:

-  How can I serve?
-  How can I strengthen someone?
-  How can I use my gift?
-  How can I help the body grow?
-  How can I honour the Head?

Church stops being something we merely attend and becomes something we **actively participate in.**

The Fullness Belongs to Christ

Ephesians 1:23 calls the church: **"The fulness of him that filleth all in all."**

The fullness belongs to Christ. All the fullness of God dwells in Him. He lacks nothing. He needs no human organisation to complete His deity or authority.

But in grace, He has joined His people to Himself. He fills His body. He gives it life. He gives it gifts. He gives it His Spirit. He gives it His mission. He expresses His grace through its members.

The church is connected to Christ's fullness because the church is connected to Christ.

His Body on Earth

The church is not just an organisation. **It is His body on earth.** That means Christ is not distant from His people. He lives within them by the Spirit. He works through them. He cares for them. He directs them. He corrects them. He nourishes them. He joins them together. And through His body, He makes His life known in the world.

The church isn't perfect. But it belongs to the perfect Head. The church isn't yet fully mature. But Christ is bringing it to maturity. The church doesn't contain fullness in itself. It receives fullness from Christ.

So we don't look to the church as the source. We look through the church to Christ. We don't worship the body. We worship the Head. We don't trust human organisation to produce spiritual life. We remain connected to the One who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:23 says the church is: **"His body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."**

Christ is the Head.

We are His body.

His fullness is the source.

His Spirit is the life.

His Word is the direction.

His love is the pattern.

His glory is the purpose.

And the church is called to make the life of its risen Head visible on earth.