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is a body

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

Member = Something that is vitally attached to a body for a reason.

foot, hand, ear, eye (vss. 15-17)

NOT: shoe, glove, ear muff, eyeglass

Vs. 26

"If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it."

"If one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."

Deep, abiding attachment of membership in the body!



#1 - You are unique in this body.

Paul's message: That is wonderful!

Vs. 19 – "And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

The way God designed the church to be.



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People just like us!

The Phillips family:

Americans moving to Cambodia.

Different races.

No special attachment to land.

Can't speak Cambodian.

Nothing in common with Cambodian Christians, except faith in Christ.



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Why are they moving?

They see their differences as a unique opportunity to do good rather than a burdensome handicap.



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Are you different?

Good! Use it as an opportunity to do good for the body!



