Finding Your Place in the Body

1 Corinthians 12

Introduction: A Christian that wasn't part of a local <u>church</u> is <u>unheard</u> of in the New Testament.

Acts 9:1-5

Key Truth: Every believer has a spiritual gift(s) and must use it to serve their local church.

Spiritual gifts are gifts from the Holy Spirit which are <u>designed</u> for the <u>benefit</u> of a local church.

I. Lordship, Not Gifting, Determines Your Spirituality

Matthew 7:21-23

John 5:26-29

1 John 1:8

II. God Gives Spiritual Gifts to Every Believer for their Local Body

- A. Every Believer Has a Gift(s)
- B. The Gift(s) is Not for <u>You</u>, but for the Body
- C. Every Christian Should Be a Servant, Not a Spectator

III. Spiritual Gifts are Meant to **Unite** and Create **Interdependence**

Dependence means, "I need you."

Interdependence means, "I need you and you need me."

A. No One is Inferior

B. No One is Superior

Spiritual Gifts Lists...

Romans 12:6-8	1 Corinthians 12	Ephesians 4:11	1 Peter 4:10-11
Prophecy	Utterance of Wisdom	Apostles	Speaking
Service	Utterance of Knowledge	Prophets	Serving
Teaching	Faith	Evangelists	
Exhortation	Healing	Shepherds/ Teachers	
Giving	Miracles		
Leadership	Prophecy		
Mercy	Distinguishing between spirits		
	Tongues		
	Interpretation of Tongues		
	Apostles		
	Helping		
	Administrating		

Independence means, "I don't need you."