

767

THE BODY OF CHRIST

Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12, NIV

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Community in Christ

**Just as each of us has one body
with many members,**

**and these members do not all
have the same function,**

**So in Christ we who are many
form one body,
and each member belongs to
all the others.**

***We were all baptized by
one Spirit into one body
whether Jews or Greeks,
slave or free***

***and we were all given
the one Spirit to drink.***

**Now the body is not made up of
one part but of many....**

**In fact God has arranged the parts
in the body,
everyone 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.**

***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!"***

***On the contrary, those parts of the
body that seem to be weak,
are indispensable***

**There should be no division
in the body, but...**

**its parts should have equal
concern for each other.**

**If one part suffers,
every part suffers with it;**

**if one part is honored,
every part rejoices with it.**

***Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.***