

1 CORINTHIANS

SINNERS *made* SAINTS

1 Corinthians 12: 17 (NASB)

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

What point
is Paul
making
here?



1 Corinthians 12: 18 (NASB)

But now God has arranged the parts, each one of them in the body, just as He desired.

Who arranges
the members
of the Church
and gives each
member a
purpose?



1 Corinthians 12: 19 (NASB)

*If they were all one part, where
would the body be?*



What is the
answer?

*If they were all
one part, where
would the body
be?*

1 Corinthians 12: 20 (NASB)

*But now there are many parts,
but one body.*

What word is
defined as
many coming
together as
one?

which a
broadcast signal is received

def·i·ni·tion n. 1.
The teacher gave de
the new words.

UNITY





Earlier in verse 15 we saw
the foot wanting to leave the
body because it was jealous
of the hand.

1 Corinthians 12: 15 (NASB)

If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any less a part of the body.



Earlier in verse 16 we saw the ear
wanting to leave the body
because it was jealous of the eye.

1 Corinthians 12: 16 (NASB)

And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any less a part of the body.

What word
is defined
as desiring
to separate
from one?





SPIRIT OF DIVISION



Please turn to:
Jude 1

Jude 1: 3 (NLT)

*Dear friends, I had been eagerly
planning to write to you about
the salvation we all share.*

Jude 1: 3 (NLT)

But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people.

Jude 1: 4 (NLT)

*I say this because some ungodly
people have wormed their way
into your churches*

Jude 1: 16 (NLT)

These people are grumblers and complainers, living only to satisfy their desires. They brag loudly about themselves, and they flatter others to get what they want.

Jude 1: 19 (NLT)

*These people are the ones who
are creating divisions among
you. They follow their natural
instincts because they do not
have God's Spirit in them.*

Now listen to this new level of
division being created.

1 Corinthians 12: 21 (NASB)

And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again, the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”



Previously the
body parts
wanted to
leave over
jealousy, now
what is
happening?

1 Corinthians 12: 21 (NASB)

And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again, the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

Who
arranges the
members of
the Church
and gives
each member
a purpose?



1 Corinthians 12: 18 (NASB)

But now God has arranged the parts, each one of them in the body, just as He desired.

Paul is preaching about the two sinful reasons divisions occur causing members of the Body to leave the Church:

1. They are jealous of others
2. Others are jealous of them or feel they are weak, less important or not useful

1 Corinthians 12: 22 (NASB)

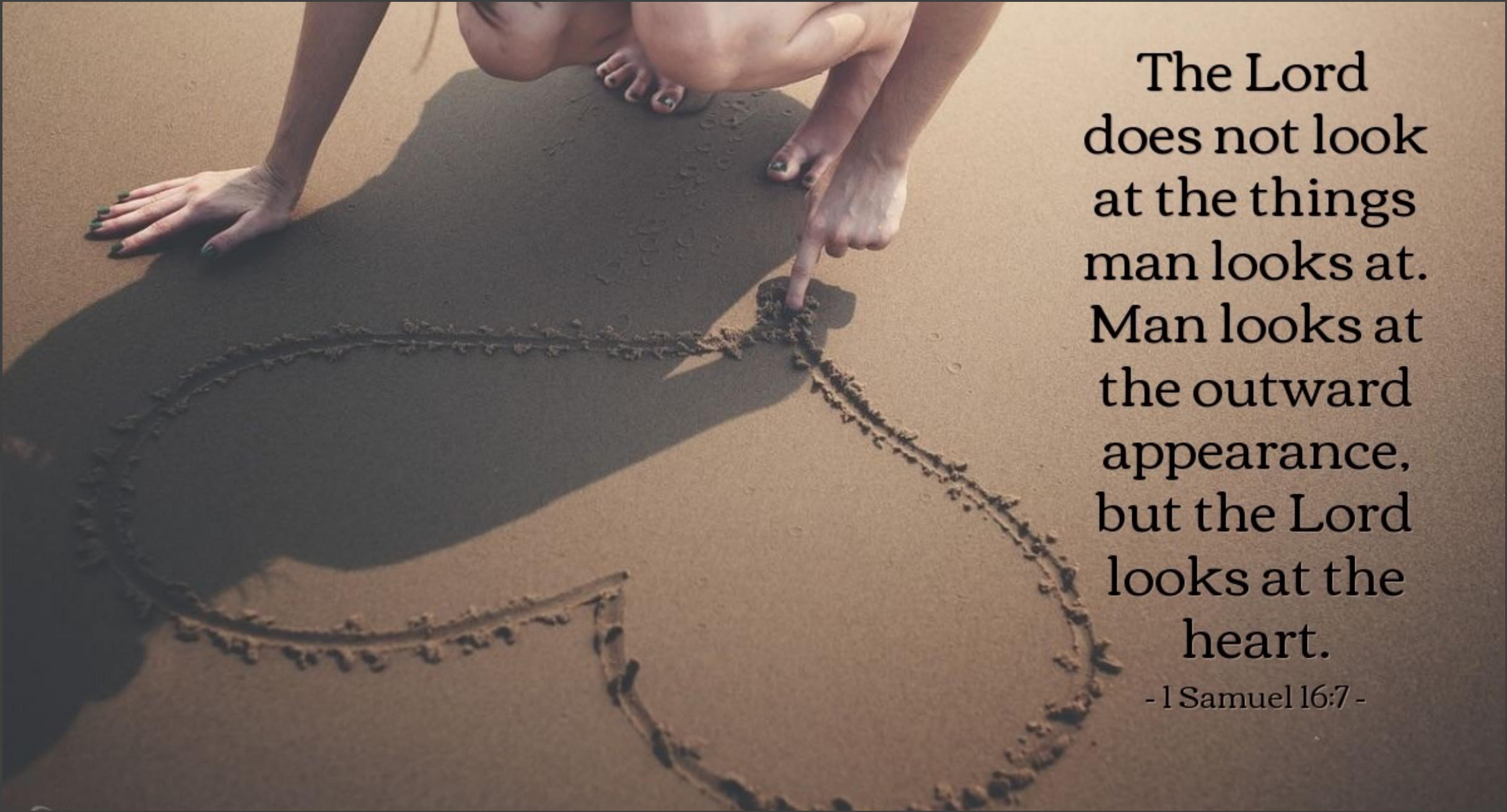
*On the contrary, it is much truer
that the parts of the body
which seem to be weaker are
necessary;*



What
point is
Paul
making
here?

1 Corinthians 12: 22 (NASB)

*On the contrary, it is much truer
that the parts of the body
which seem to be weaker are
necessary;*



The Lord
does not look
at the things
man looks at.
Man looks at
the outward
appearance,
but the Lord
looks at the
heart.

- 1 Samuel 16:7 -

1 Corinthians 12: 23 (NASB)

and those parts of the body
which we consider less
honorable, on these we
bestow greater honor, and our
less presentable parts become
much more presentable,


1 Corinthians 12: 24 (NASB)

whereas our more presentable parts have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that part which lacked,


1 Corinthians 12: 24 (NLT)

*while the more honorable parts
do not require this special care.*

*So God has put the body
together such that extra honor
and care are given to those
parts that have less dignity.*



Why do you think God
designed His Church so that
the weaker part is given the
highest honor?



1 Corinthians 12: 25 (NASB)

*so that there may be
no division in the body,*
*but that the parts may have the
same care for one another.*

The primary cause of division in the Church is when we start comparing ourselves to others.

I am more important than _____ because _____

- I have been going here longer
- My ancestors attended this church
- I give more money
- I work harder
- I have a leadership role

1 Corinthians 12: 24 (NLT)

*while the more honorable parts
do not require this special care.*

*So God has put the body
together such that extra honor
and care are given to those
parts that have less dignity.*

1 Corinthians 12: 26 (NASB)

*And if one part of the
body suffers, all the parts
suffer with it; if a part
is honored, all the parts rejoice
with it.*



What does
your body
do when
you hit your
finger with
a hammer?

1 Corinthians 12: 26 (NASB)

And if one part of the body suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if a part is honored, all the parts rejoice with it.

What sin
prevents us
from
rejoicing
when others
are honored?



1 Corinthians 12: 27 (NASB)

*Now you are Christ's body,
and individually parts of it.*

What is Paul
saying here?



1 Corinthians 12: 27 (NASB)

*Now you are Christ's body,
and individually parts of it.*

1 Corinthians 12: 28 (NASB)

And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, and various kinds of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12: 28 (NIV)

*And God has placed in the church
first of all apostles, second
prophets, third teachers, then
miracles, then gifts of healing, of
helping, of guidance, and of
different kinds of tongues.*

1 Corinthians 12: 29 (NASB)

All are not apostles, are they?

All are not prophets, are they?

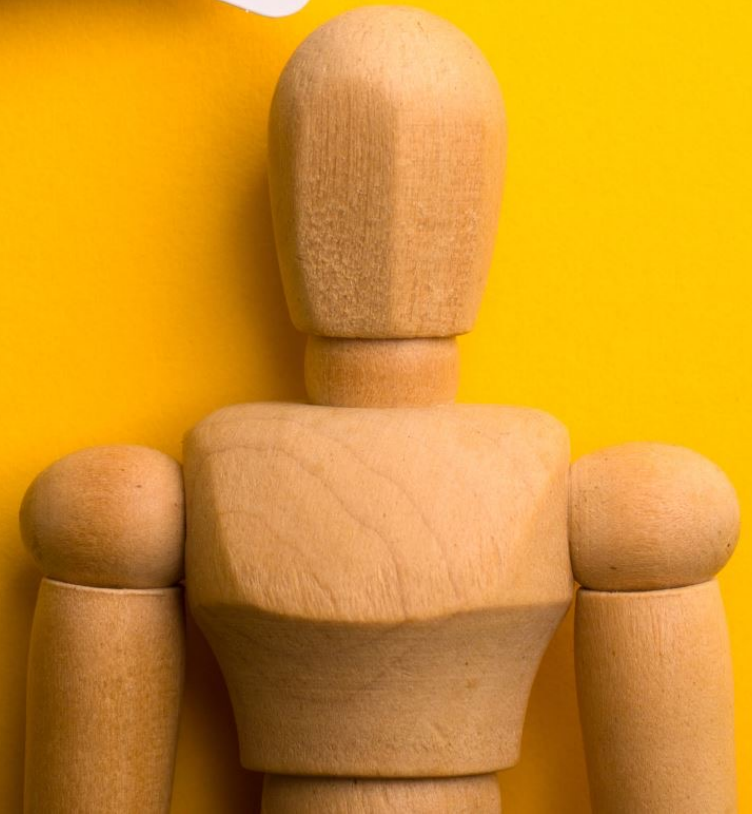
All are not teachers, are they?

*All are not workers of miracles,
are they?*

1 Corinthians 12: 30 (NASB)

*All do not have gifts of
healings, do they? All do not
speak with tongues, do they?
All do not interpret, do they?*

What
point is
Paul
making
here?

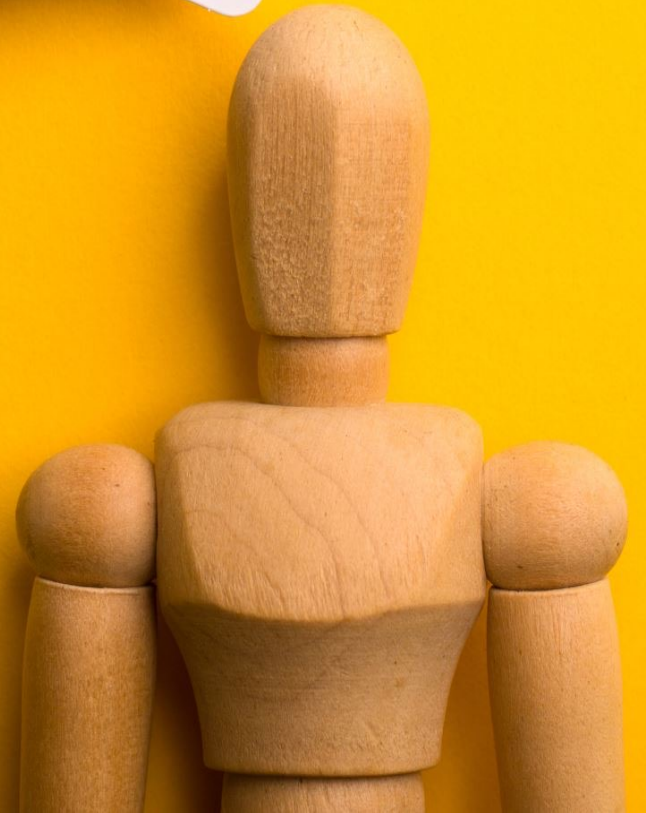


1 Corinthians 12: 31 (NASB)

*But earnestly desire the
greater gifts.*

*And yet, I am going to show
you a far better way.*

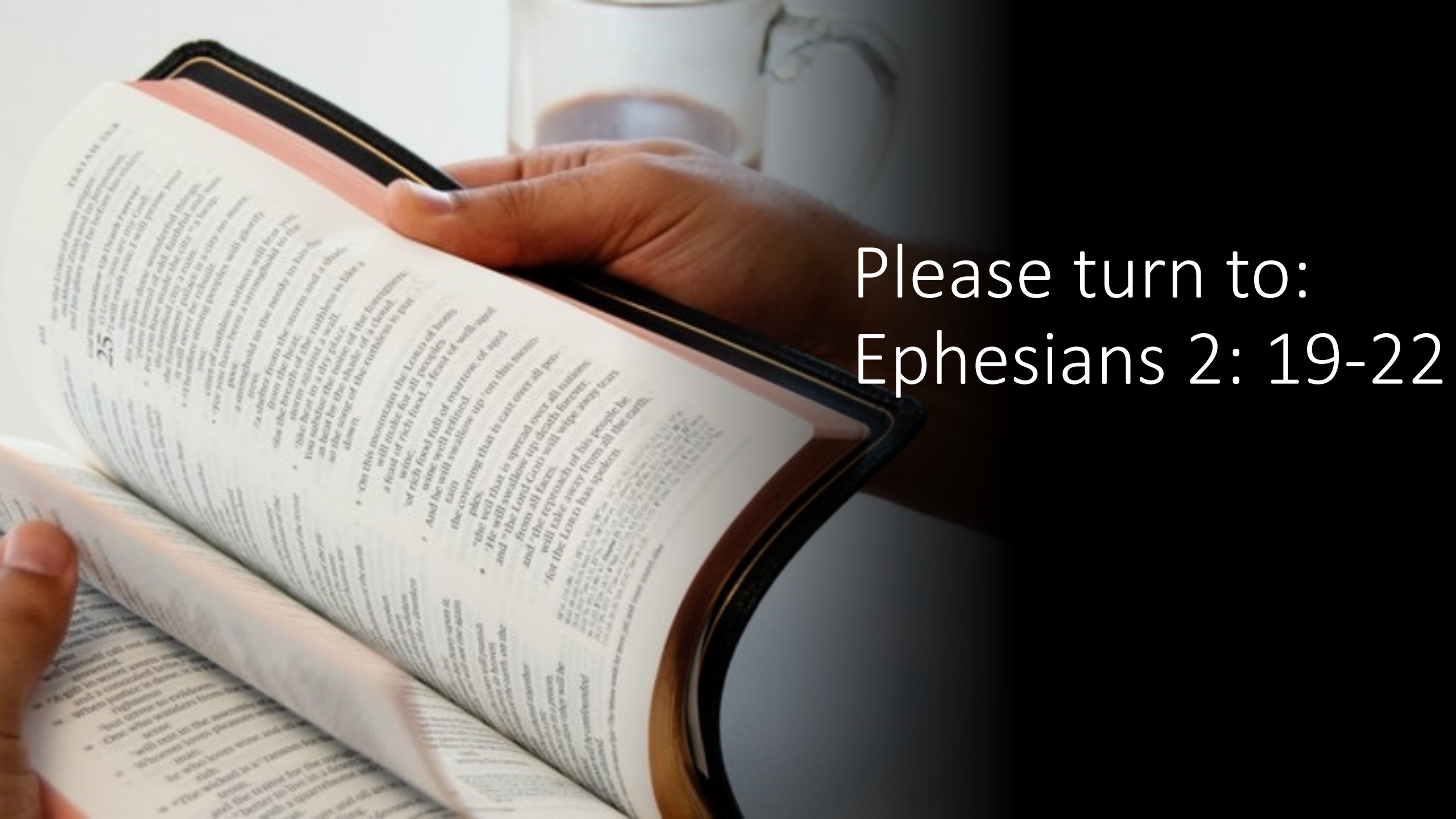
What could
be a better
way than the
power of
these Gifts
alone?



Paul is now
going to
build the
foundation
needed for
these gifts to
be effective!



Please turn to:
Ephesians 2: 19-22



Ephesians 2: 19-22 (NASB)

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

Ephesians 2: 19-22 (NASB)

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Ephesians 2: 19-22 (NASB)

*In him the whole building is
joined together and rises to
become a holy temple in the
Lord.*

Ephesians 2: 19-22 (NASB)

*And in him you too are being
built together to become a
dwelling in which God lives by
his Spirit.*

Please turn to:
1 John 4: 15-17

1 John 4: 15-17 (NASB)

*If anyone acknowledges that
Jesus is the Son of God, God
lives in them and they in
God. And so we know and rely
on the love God has for us.*

1 John 4: 15-17 (NASB)

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4: 15-17 (NASB)

*This is how love is made
complete among us so that we
will have confidence on the day
of judgment: In this world we
are like Jesus.*



What is
love?

The
ancient
Greeks had
8 words for
love!





WORDS
FOR LOVE

Eros (romantic, passionate love)

Named after the Greek God of
fertility.

Eros is passion, lust and pleasure.



WORDS
FOR LOVE

Philia (affectionate love)

This word describes love of a friend. Plato felt that physical attraction was not a necessary part of love, hence the use of the word *platonic* to mean, “without physical attraction.”



WORDS FOR LOVE

Storge (familiar love)

Storge is a natural form of affection experienced between family members.

This protective, kinship-based love is common between parents and their children, and children for their parents.

Storge can also describe a sense of patriotism toward a country or allegiance to the same team.



WORDS
FOR LOVE

Mania (obsessive love)

When love turns to obsession, it becomes mania.

Stalking behaviors, co-dependency, extreme jealousy, and violence are all symptoms of Mania.



WORDS
FOR LOVE

Ludus (playful love)

The Ancient Greeks thought of ludus as a playful form of love.

It describes the situation of having a crush and acting on it, or the affection between young lovers.



WORDS FOR LOVE

Pragma (enduring love)

Pragma is a love built on commitment, understanding and long-term best interests.

It is a love that has aged, matured and is about making compromises to help the relationship work over time, also showing patience and tolerance.



WORDS
FOR LOVE

Philautia (self love)

The Greeks understood that in order to care for others, we must first learn to care for ourselves.



WORDS FOR LOVE

Agape (selfless, sacrificial)

This love is an unmerited, unconditional, selfless, sacrificial love.

Agape love is extended to everyone, whether they are family members, distant strangers or enemies. Agape love is never about self and is always shown by what it does.



Please turn to:
Romans 5: 8

Romans 5: 6-8 (NASB)

*For while we were
still helpless, at the right
time Christ died for the
ungodly.*

Romans 5: 6-8 (NASB)

*For one will hardly die for a
righteous person; though
perhaps for the good person
someone would even dare to
die.*

Romans 5: 6-8 (NASB)

*But God demonstrates His own
love toward us, in that while
we were still sinners, Christ
died for us.*



Please turn to:
John 13: 34-45

John 13: 34-35 (NIV)

*A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have
loved you, so you must love
one another.*



How did Christ display
His Agape love for us?

John 13: 34-35 (NIV)

*By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you
love one another.”*



How do we show ourselves
to be disciples of Christ?

John 13: 34-35 (NIV)

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



What type
of love
should we
love each
other with?

A composite image featuring a heart shape formed by the Earth as seen from space. The heart is centered in the frame, with the continents of North and South America visible. The background is a deep blue space filled with numerous white stars. The text 'Agape Love' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the heart. The word 'Agape' is on the top line and 'Love' is on the bottom line, both centered horizontally.

Agape
Love

Please turn to:
Galatians 5: 22-23

Galatians 5: 22-23 (NASB)

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control; against
such things there is no law.*



Is the word fruit singular or plural in this verse?

Galatians 5: 22-23 (NASB)

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*joy, peace, patience, kindness,
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such things there is no law.*



If you do not have Agape love you cannot have joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control!

Please turn to:
Ephesians 3: 16-19

Ephesians 3: 16-19 (NASB)

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Ephesians 3: 16-19 (NASB)

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Ephesians 3: 16-19 (NASB)

*and to know this love that
surpasses knowledge—that
you may be filled to the
measure of all the fullness of
God.*

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Does it sound
like Agape
Love is an
essential part
of our
Christian walk
and maturity
in Christ?



What strips
us of the
Power of our
Spiritual
Gifts?

1 Corinthians 13: 1 (NASB)

*If I speak with the tongues of
mankind and of angels, but do
not have love, I have become a
noisy gong or a clanging
cymbal.*