

**The Same But, Different (Part 2)**

Ephesians 4:6-17

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Introduction: The human body is an amazing machine, created with God's own imagination and wisdom. Consider this: a normal adult has over 200 bones and 900 hundred ligaments; the heart pumps around 2,000 gallons of blood every day; a single cell of the human brain has as much storage space as five encyclopedias. When one organ is not working properly, everything is thrown off balance. With all this in mind, there's a reason that the Apostle Paul repeatedly likened the church to a body.

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1. What sort of gift is Paul referring to in vv. 7-8? How would you define a "gift"?
2. If every believer has been gifted (v.7), how do we determine what gifts we've been blessed with by Christ?
3. In what ways do leaders equip the saints for works of ministry? What are those works? Why is it important that leaders not try to do everything?
4. How do leaders preserve the "unity of the faith" (v.13) in the church?
5. How is the body of Christ harmed when parts are not "working properly" (v.16)? How are you serving the church with the gifts that Christ has given you?
6. Why is love and not duty the only lasting motivator for sacrificial service?