

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Communion of saints: communion in each other's gifts and graces

Westminster Confession of Faith 26:1 All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

- I. Communion in each other's gifts and graces.
 - A. Gifts = spiritual gifts.
1 Corinthians 12:4; 28; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12:31.
 - B. Gifts are given for service to the Body of Christ.
 - C. The gift is the manifestation of the Spirit.

- II. Members of one body, the body of Christ.
 - A. Members = organs.
 - B. Members without the body are dead, the body without members is, at best, hampered.
John 15:5
 - C. It is your whole person that is a member of Christ.
1 Corinthians 6:19; Hebrews 6:19; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5; Romans 8:9;
Galatians 6:18.
 - D. Your service in the church is service done in the Lord Jesus Christ .
Matthew 25:40.

- III. What is your gift for the church?
 - A. All spiritual gifts must be used for edification of the body of Christ in love.
Ephesians 4:16.

 - B. All spiritual gifts given to the body are needed for the body.

 - C. We all have the gifts needed to maintain the unity of the body in the bonds of love.

 - D. Your spiritual gift, no matter how small you think it might be, is useful to the Lord and necessary for the body.