

1 Corinthians 12: 4-20

- This letter is a *correction*
 - The church is focused on a single gift.
- Diversity in unity
 - **Many gifts, one Spirit.**
 - **Many members, one body.**

“If all were the same member, it wouldn’t be a body—it would be a *monstrosity.*”



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Diversity in Unity

Within the Church

God has gifted each of us uniquely.

- When we live into our unique gifts, we become a healthier church—and a better representation of Christ to our community.

Among the Churches

- God has formed each church uniquely.
- We need every church to be a distinct expression of who God is, so that—together—we reveal Him to our community in unity.

We need **diversity within each church**, and we need **each church to be diverse**.



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Our Aim: To Be Like Jesus

As individuals and churches

- Our aim is the same
 - Not to be unique for its own sake—but to be transformed into His likeness.
 - Each of us is being formed into the image of Jesus, and yet we all look so different.

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A Metaphor

- People are like **plants**.
- Churches are like **environments**.
- We all need the same elements—light, water, nutrients—but in **different proportions**.
- Different plants thrive in different environments.



1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Even if we have tongues, prophecy, good deeds, or powerful words—

- If we do not have **love**, we have **nothing**.

Love is not an accessory to our gifts

- It is the **foundation** of them.

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Our Aim is Love

As a church, we believe God is anchoring us in these **core values**:

- **Communion** – To love and be loved by God.
- **Community** – To love one another.
- **Compassion** – To love our neighbor.

These are rooted in the **greatest commandments**:

“Love the Lord your God... and love your neighbor as yourself.” (*Matthew 22:37–39*)



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Faithful in the Morning

You're always faithful in the morning
You woke me up before my friends
We went outside to take communion
We were smoking on the porch
I heard your voice in the silence
Call me out—and deeper in

“You were made for more—made for
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more”

Lord, I'm unfaithful in the evening
But You still love me in the morning
You're always faithful in the morning.

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Communion

- **Remember** God's love:
 - His love for you **2,000 years ago**
 - His love for you **today**

Reflect His love uniquely

- In your personality
- In your gifting
- In your community

Be the church He is calling us to be.

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