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Introduction: The Body of Christ: Not Just Any Body

All too often, followers of Jesus fall into the brick-and-mortar, physical structure concept of church. At the extreme of this disaster, they occasionally identify the body of Christ as a *political* bureaucracy, called a denomination.

Jesus never said, “I will build my organization,” which would reflect an entity that drifts light years from the miraculous, supernatural movement Jesus launched.

Jesus dramatically changed the paradigm when He announced, “I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18 NIV). He moved way beyond the synagogue, the bricks and mortar, the ecclesiastical politics, the laws, and the bylaws. There were no Robert’s Rules of Order, parliamentary procedures, votes, elections, or debates.

The body of Christ is unique, dynamic, holy, and inspired. It is driven by the Holy Spirit—the living, dynamic Spirit of Jesus Christ that dwells in and among imperfect people who bow the knee to Jesus. They bow their decisions, actions, and strategies to Jesus. They pray their way forward.

There is no constitutional influence. The body is spiritually directed. They bow their will to the Holy Spirit. They pray their way forward. They follow the manual, called Scripture. They focus on the mission: not theirs, but His. They are a body of

believers. They are not just any body. They serve at the will of the King of the universe. They, literally, *are* the body of Christ.

Are You a Fool for Christ?

Rethinking Leadership in the Church

Every church has some group of decision-makers. Sometimes they are handpicked. Often, they are elected. In some churches, decision-makers are the staff. Most congregations have a combination of staff and church members who make decisions for the congregation.

How do you choose those who should lead the church? What qualities do you look for? I can tell you this: For most churches, it is not always an approach supported by Scripture!

After interviewing thousands of people, it's clear that most Christians need to think through the scriptural qualifications for leaders.

Are you looking only for smart people? Or for those who are wise? If you are looking for those who are wise, ask this question: "Wise about what?" Business? Theories about leadership? Current events? Sociology?

In 1 Corinthians 3:18-23, Paul says, "Don't fool yourself. Don't think you can be wise merely by being relevant." Instead, Paul says, "Be God's fool." Are you a fool for Christ?

What does that mean for choosing leaders? It means you want the "mind of Christ" for you and for anyone else who aspires to be a leader. So, when you look for leaders, search for those who have a public lifestyle of communion with God. They might

be the CEO of a Fortune 500 company, but that alone does not make them a person with the wisdom of God. Are they in church regularly? Do they read the Scripture daily? Are they in a Bible class, “chewing” on God’s Word and learning from other Christians?

The Apostle Paul says, “I don’t want to hear any of you bragging about yourself or anyone else” (1 Corinthians 3:21). Sometimes people with “loud” personalities get chosen for church leadership. However, Paul says, “Everything is already yours as a gift...you are privileged to be in union with Christ...” (verses 22-23).

You know what that means? Humility. You know what humility does? It makes you a learner. You are teachable. You learn from God your whole life.

Think about Jesus and humility. Think about teachability. Find someone like that who has the gift of leadership, and, in all likelihood, you’ve got a good leader!

From Retirement to Refirement: The Ongoing Call to Ministry

Did anyone see it coming? Did you ever think about the massive number of pastors retiring? Has anyone asked the critical question: “Why are Bible colleges and seminaries scrambling to get young adults to consider God’s call to ministry?”

What is the issue behind the issue—and the issues behind that? First, consider this: Retirement is foreign to Scripture. The Apostle Paul said it himself in Philippians 1:22: “As long as I’m alive in this body, there is good work for me to do.” He was speaking as a prisoner in jail!

Some pastors do not have the “retirement mindset.” They actually participate in “refirement.” They are taking on a different type of ministry that better suits their aging bodies or other personal circumstances. Great!

However, most pastors, if you interview them, are burned out, discouraged, tired of working so hard—just to see their congregation continue to decline. And they see a nondenominational church just down the road, flourishing! What is the issue behind the issue?

Actually, there are several issues. In the United States and Canada, following an earlier pattern in Western Europe, the landscape has dramatically changed. These areas of the world are now secularized mission fields. So, what is the real issue?

Pastors, in most instances, have never been trained to be missionaries. Therefore, they can never train their people to be missionaries.

However, there is an issue behind that issue. In these same countries, there has been the false notion— subtle and unannounced—that the land is “Christian.” For the most part, the only pastors trained in missionary teaching are those who are called to the “mission field,” which is understood as somewhere “over there.” In truth, most pastors have been trained to manage Christians. The denominational systems, through their Bible colleges and seminaries, have set pastors up for failure. No wonder that, at retirement age, pastors are bailing in huge numbers!

What about the failure to attract the large number of younger people training as pastors? Consider this: What younger person in their right mind would want to go through all that training to become “the captain of a sinking ship”—a declining church? Who would spend all that money to be trained in a system that doesn’t equip you for the mission field of a secular society? Who would want to receive a salary that will never pay off your student debt until you are 60 years old? Any young person attending a seminary or Bible college system and facing the reality of the church today would have to be really committed—or ought to be committed to an institution!

The whole system requires a major, adaptive, paradigm shift. Retirement and mounting vacancies won’t win the world for Jesus!

Gifted for a Reason: Placing People Where They Flourish in Ministry

The concept, paradigm, or worldview of spiritual gifts establishes a culture, a reality: Each person has different gifts and, therefore, different roles. The key, as Jim Collins says in his classic book *Good to Great*, is to help people get on the right bus—the right direction, the right goal, and the right seats on the bus. This is the discovery of your “sweet spot.”

Has this ever happened to you? We were at a restaurant the other day, and we had a waitress that couldn't get anything right. I'm sure she was a really nice person. Or, to say it another way, I don't think she was a bad person. She was just in the wrong seat on the bus. Or maybe she caught the wrong bus.

Over the years I've noticed that churches are filled with people who are nice people and who mean well. They want to serve. They want to work in the church. They want to help the ministry. They want to expend their energy for God. But they're in the wrong seat or maybe on the wrong bus. It is just not being where your gifts will flourish.

Is it any wonder that there are a lot of people working from the wrong seat in the church? Their gifts are somewhere else. We tend not to follow biblical approaches to helping them find the right seat. We ask for volunteers, as if anyone is a gifted Sunday school teacher. Or as if everyone is a gifted Bible class teacher. Or as if anyone is an usher. Or as if anyone would be just *thrilled*

to wash dishes in the kitchen. Or as if anyone can't wait to go out and share the Gospel with people out on the street.

The Bible says that the church is the body of Christ. How would you like it if your foot volunteered to be a liver? It's a little absurd, but so is the way many churches operate! What about if your esophagus was nominated and got elected to be your knee? Again, absolutely absurd. If your human body operated the way most churches operate, it would be the most ineffective, unproductive, disorganized, inefficient operating organism. It would be, in effect, like many churches.

Some people caught the wrong bus. It sounds odd, coming from a Church Doctor, but I meet a lot of people who actually ought to go find another church. Not for selfish or consumer-oriented reasons such as: "I'm not getting my way" or "I'm not getting fed." Sometimes people are just on the wrong bus. Some are in the wrong fleet of buses or in the wrong denomination. I know Jim Collins isn't one of the writers of the Bible, but what he wrote in *Good to Great* is the biblical principle that Scripture laid down long before Jim Collins was born. The way Collins described it is brilliant and much help to all kinds of people. If Christians would only read Scripture and fashion their church accordingly, they would be happier and more fulfilled, and their churches would be more effective.

No More Filling Slots: Empowering Believers to Serve with Purpose

Can you imagine Jesus saying, “Can I get a volunteer?” No way! That’s not how God works. Is it the way most churches operate? It certainly is!

What are the results of this drift from the way God intends the church to operate? There are several: 1) burnout; 2) ineffectiveness; and 3) the majority of those who attend churches are never involved beyond worship and, perhaps, some form of Bible study. What happens? The masses are basically Christian consumers. They aren’t bad people. They are going to heaven. They are just no earthly good for the Christian movement to reach others and make disciples.

Burnout and ineffectiveness come to those who are not serving in their area of spiritual gifting. They mean well. They are on the bus but in the wrong seats.

Worse yet, when pastors and church leaders beg for volunteers, they are *using* people to keep the church machine running. The focus is on “getting the job done.”

God has a different plan. Every believer has a calling. Your calling is specifically connected to supernatural attributes given uniquely to you by the Holy Spirit. Everyone has a different gift mix. The objective is not to “get more work done.” It is to help people discover, develop, and use their spiritual gifts.

The first directive in the New Testament is a major portion speaking about spiritual gifts, 1 Corinthians 12. In the first three verses, Paul makes it clear that the subject of spiritual gifts is complex and often misunderstood. (When you look at churches today, that's an understatement!) So, Paul challenges Christ-followers like us to use our intelligence and understand how God works.

God hands out gifts—all of which originate in the Holy Spirit. In other words, you don't choose your gifts. You discover the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to you. Then, according to Jesus' pattern, you should be disciplined into a role based on your gifts. Your discipler will be someone who has similar gifts. Being disciplined is not limited to a class or an academic exercise. It's being an apprentice to someone who has been doing the ministry that reflects your gift mix.

There are no jobs to be done in the church. There are only callings. It's not about getting stuff done. It's about you discovering your calling—where you fit. This approach doesn't burn you out. It's energizing. It's exciting, not just for you, the disciple, but also for your discipler. You just can't beat God's plan!

The notions of volunteers, nominations, and elections are foreign to the body of Christ, your church. You simply can't beat God's way to get things done for the Kingdom.

The Holy Spirit, Not Degrees: What Truly Qualifies a Preacher

The trend of humans and their faith seems to move from simple to sophisticated, from childlike to academic. The way most pastors are trained and equipped for ministry is greatly influenced by scholasticism. Seminaries and Bible colleges join the academic bandwagon in this approach.

The result is a two-class system. Degreed pastors are positioned as “spiritual experts.” The implication? Other Christians can’t qualify for preaching, teaching, leading—even sharing their faith. It becomes a two-class system based on academics. This system truncates the Christian movement and discourages many believers from living out their calling to be the “priesthood of believers.” The result? The movement is crippled and reduced from exponential multiplication to clergy-dominated, puny results.

Please don’t misunderstand. This is not against education. Relying on education undermines the power of Christianity.

Look at what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2. He reminds the Christians that he did not try to impress them with political speeches. He even admits his feelings of inadequacy. The messages he shares with them had power—yet, it wasn’t his intellect. It was God’s power, and so was the reason for their response.

God's wisdom is not the same as our intelligence. It seems preachers work too hard at sophisticating the messages about God. The Apostle Paul says that many so-called "experts" have no clue about God's eternal plan.

Sometimes preachers get so heavenly minded, they are no earthly good. Jesus came down to earth as a human being. Many pastors ought to follow that example. At the end of the day, the great message of Jesus is powerful, not because of a sophisticated message, but because Jesus is great in our lives. If we get that, every Christian will regain confidence to share their message about Jesus. Then the movement will be great—because we are not.

The Priesthood of All Believers: Everyone Has a Role in Ministry

Before God brings a revival, He initiates an “awakening.” An awakening is a wake-up call: “Sleeping” Christians wake up and get with the program—God’s movement.

There are two biblical lifestyles that are common in all churches whenever an awakening occurs. (1) God’s people discover, develop, and put into use their spiritual gifts, and (2) most Christians get busy doing ministry. Known as “the priesthood of all believers,” everyone is a minister, according to their spiritual gifts.

The concept of spiritual gifts reshapes the atmosphere in every church. In 1 Corinthians 12:11-31, Paul describes the church as a body—the body of Christ. Every Christian has gifts—spiritual attributes given by the Holy Spirit. Each person’s gift mix is unique and different. You don’t choose what gifts you have. The Holy Spirit decides. Your job is not to define your gifts, but to *discover* them. Your gifts, all the gifts that God has given to you, describe your calling.

Your gifts describe your unique job description. Collectively, we all—with different gift functions—make up the body of Christ.

How do you look at all the different churches in your city or country? Many look at the others as competition—or ignore them completely.

So, what outreach strategy do you have? Is it to make everyone a Baptist? Or a Methodist? Or a Lutheran—or whatever? Or, is your church, your body of Christ, focused on reaching new people for Jesus Christ?

Internally, each church is unique. Christ is the head of His body—called Church. The head, Jesus, calls the shots. We do not try to manipulate our church based on our personal preferences. Jesus, the head, has the final say.

When you do reach out, is it your primary objective to help unbelievers become Christians? Paul says, “The old labels are no longer useful” (1 Corinthians 12:13).

Do you try to lead your church according to your own agenda or according to Jesus’ agenda? It’s not about you or your denomination. No part of the body is more important than another part—except the head—Jesus!

Unity in Diversity: The Church as One Body in Christ

By God's design, the Church is this amazing combination of unity and diversity. It appears difficult for Christians to get this complexity straight. Outsiders see all these denominations. Inside the Church, we see divisions that lead to disruption. How can we get this right?

Paul, in his letter to the Christians at Ephesus, explains how the balance is achieved properly. In Ephesians 4:1-3, Paul provides the two key elements: "humility and discipline."

In a metaphor Paul uses to help us comprehend church, he says Jesus is the head of His body, the Church. To function properly, all the members of this body take their direction from the head. That requires humility—always asking, "What would Jesus do?"

In order to pull off church the way God intends, it takes discipline. To know and do God's will takes a disciplined life subordinated to God's Word, the Bible. To know the Bible is to learn the "mind of Christ." That takes a lifelong posture of learning from God's Word. That takes the *humility* to have the lifelong passion to learn. That takes *discipline*. Get it?

Paul continues to unpack the unity in diversity complexion in Ephesians 4:4-6. "You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and

inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all.” He concludes: “Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.”

It’s true: We’re all different. We have different gifts. Christians don’t all look alike or speak the same language or worship with the same types of music.

Every good sports team has a variety of special gifts. Yet they have the same goal: to win. Our unified goal? Win—the world, every person, for Jesus Christ. That takes unity. It also requires diversity. It simply doesn’t work without humility and discipline.

Sent, Not Settled: The Church as a Missionary Movement

It's easy for a church to become comfortable. Buildings are maintained. Worship services are planned. Ministries are sustained. Calendars are full. People show up week after week. Over time, what began as a movement can slowly become a *place to settle*. However, Jesus never called His followers to settle. He sent them.

In John 20:21, Jesus says, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (NIV). That is not a casual statement—it is a defining identity marker for every believer and every church. The body of Christ is not a static gathering. It is a *sent* people, a commissioned movement, a living organism—always moving outward.

Think about how Jesus was sent. He didn't arrive in comfort or privilege. He stepped into brokenness. He walked dusty roads. He engaged people that others avoided. He touched the untouchable, welcomed those who were rejected, and pursued those far from God. His mission was *incarnational*—present, personal, and purposeful. If we are His body, how could our mission be any different?

Yet many churches operate as if the goal is to gather people in, not to send them out. Energy is focused on attracting, organizing, and maintaining. The mission subtly shifts from

reaching the lost to keeping the found. So, what happens when a church forgets it is “sent”? It turns inward.

Programs primarily serve insiders. Decisions revolve around preferences. Resources are allocated for comfort rather than mission. Without realizing it, a church begins to exist for itself. However, a church does not belong to itself. A body that only serves itself is unhealthy. In fact, it becomes dysfunctional. A church that primarily focuses on its internal needs has lost alignment with the heart of Jesus.

To be the body of Christ is to live with constant outward awareness. The people ask hard questions: Who is not here yet? Who has not heard the Gospel? Who in our community is disconnected, hurting, searching, or spiritually lost?

Being sent is a posture—not a program. It means that each believer identifies as a missionary—not necessarily overseas but right where they are. In neighborhoods. In workplaces. In schools. In everyday interactions.

The Church *gathered* is important. It is where we are equipped, encouraged, and unified. However, the Church scattered is where the mission lives. We don’t just attend church. You are Church—and we are sent. When the body of Christ embraces this identity, everything changes. Comfort gives way to purpose. Maintenance gives way to movement. Settling gives way to sending. And, when that occurs, the Church begins to look a lot more like Jesus.

Ambassadors for Christ: Representing Jesus in a Broken World

As a follower of Jesus, what is your role in the world? For many Christians, the answer sounds something like this: “I try to live a good life. I go to church. I do the right things.” That’s not wrong—yet it is incomplete. It falls far short of the picture Scripture paints for Christ-followers. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul writes, “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, ‘Be reconciled to God’” (CSB). That is not a passive identity. It is an active calling. An ambassador is not a spectator. An ambassador is sent with purpose, authority, and responsibility. They represent someone greater than themselves. They carry a message that is not their own. It is who we are as the body of Christ.

Every believer represents Jesus. Every conversation, every relationship, every act of kindness becomes an opportunity for God to work through us. This is not reserved for pastors or church leaders. It is the calling of every Christian.

Yet, this is the disconnect that often occurs. Believers compartmentalize faith. Worship becomes something they attend. Faith becomes what they practice privately. Their “spiritual life” is separated from their everyday life. However, ambassadors don’t work part-time. We don’t just represent Christ when we are inside a church building. We represent Him everywhere we go: at work; at home; in our neighborhood; in

our interactions with strangers; in moments of stress, conflict, and opportunity.

So, what does this mean for your church? It means the mission is not limited to organized outreach events or scheduled programs. The mission is lived out through people who understand their spiritual identity. The Church gathered is where we are reminded of who we are. The Church scattered is how we live it out. What would happen if every believer truly embraced this calling?

Instead of waiting for people to come to church, your church would already be present in the world. Instead of relying on a few leaders to carry the mission, every believer would be engaged. Your church would be proactive—intentionally representing Jesus in every sphere of life.

This changes everything. It shifts the focus from “What does the church offer me?” to “How can I represent Christ to others?” It transforms ordinary moments into divine opportunities. It turns everyday believers into active participants in God’s redemptive work. The body of Christ was never meant to be hidden. It is meant to be visible, active, and engaged. You are more than a believer. You represent the King of the Universe. When the Church begins to live like that, the world takes notice.

Go and Make Disciples: The Mission That Defines “Church”

If you were to describe the purpose of the Church to one clear command, what would it be?

Jesus made it unmistakably clear. In Matthew 28:19-20, He says, “Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life.... Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you” (*The Message*). This is not one option among many. This is the mission that defines followers of Christ. And yet, it is often misunderstood.

Many churches operate as if the primary goal is to gather people. Increase attendance. Expand programs. Build momentum. None of these are inherently wrong. However, they are not the mission. Jesus did not say, “Go and attract crowds.” He said, “Train everyone you meet.” It is called discipleship.

A disciple is more than someone who believes. A disciple follows Jesus, learns, grows, and changes. A disciple is someone whose life is being shaped by Jesus. That kind of transformation does not occur accidentally. It requires intentionality. It also requires time, investment, and commitment. It is slower than building programs. It is less predictable than organizing events. Yet, it is exactly what Jesus commanded.

So why is it often neglected? Because it's hard. It is easier to measure attendance than transformation. It's easier to run programs than invest deeply in people. It's easier to manage crowds than it is to make disciples. However, easier is not always better.

When Christians prioritize discipleship, everything changes. Success is no longer measured by how many people show up but by how many are growing up spiritually. Not simply attending—but following. Not only consuming—but multiplying. Disciples make disciples.

That is the design of the body of Christ. It is meant to reproduce, to multiply, to expand—not through attraction alone but through intentional disciple-making relationships. Disciples make disciples. This redefines leadership.

Leaders are not simply organizers or communicators. They are disciple-makers. Their role is not to do all the ministry but to equip others. As people are discipled, they begin to disciple others. And the mission spreads. This is how the early church grew—not through buildings or programs but through people. The body of Christ is at its healthiest when every member is engaged in the mission of making disciples.

The question is not whether your church is busy. The question is whether your church is making disciples. That is the mission Jesus gave. It is the mission that defines us. That is the mission of our calling.

Conclusion

We are called to remember that the Church is not a building or an organization—it is a living, Spirit-empowered movement formed by those who surrender to Jesus as King. As members of His body, we are called to live in prayerful dependence, not to be obsessed by human constitutions or procedures, but to live by the Spirit and the Word. Our calling is not to build a kingdom of our own design but to faithfully embody Christ's presence in the world. To be the Church is to submit, serve, and follow—not just with words or votes, but with our lives.

Questions for Discussion

In what ways does the biblical concept of the Church as the body of Christ challenge traditional ideas of church as a physical institution or a denominational structure?

How does the description of the Spirit-led body of Christ in this passage invite us to change our actions and responsibilities within the Church?



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