

THE TALE OF TWO BODIES

The body of Christ is an organism here on earth in which the operations of the Spirit are found coming out in various distinctive gifts.

The human body is one body with many members.

All believers have their place and part in Christ's body.

The church is composed of all believers who were baptized into Christ,

- whether from Jews or Gentiles,
- Slaves or Free all are baptized into one body by the Spirit.

“baptize” comes from the Greek word *baptizō*, which basically means *to immerse or place into by immersion and never take out*.

Baptism in Scripture always suggests a coming on to entirely new ground.

The human body is the figure and concept all through this chapter.

- that is, it has many members,
- but they are all component parts of the one body.
- The human body is the most wonderful thing we have in nature.

The human body has been constituted to work as one united whole to the exclusion of all disorder, so should it be in the Church.

Paul warns against dissatisfaction of members with their position in the body.

- This kind of separation, if carried out, would destroy the church.
- Each has its own function, but for the Body of Christ, not for itself

¹⁸ *But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.*

- This is not a question of a theory or of a wise practice, **but of the divine will.**
- It is the Lord Jesus Christ's church; and He, not man, orders the place of each and all in it.

²¹ *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."*