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### **1 Corinthians 12:1-31**

This chapter is devoted to the Holy Spirit and the unity of the body of followers of Christ Jesus that the Holy Spirit brings. Clearly Paul wants to make the recipients of the letter understand the need to work together. Not everyone will have the same gift but allowing expression of all of the gifts leads to unity.

### **1 Corinthians 12:1-3**

We do not acknowledge Jesus as Savior and Lord without the leading of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit guides us to accept Jesus. There is a fight for our souls. Those of us who listen to the Holy Spirit and accept Jesus are on the winning side.

Whys is it important to acknowledge the role of the Holy Spirit in our salvation?

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### **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Paul makes it clear that although there are different gifts there is only one Holy Spirit that gives people those gifts. None of us will have all of the gifts. We may have wisdom and someone else has knowledge. To another the Holy Spirit gives faith and to someone else the gift is healing. Still others may be given miraculous powers or prophecy. The gift of speaking in tongues is complemented by the gift of interpretation of tongues.

What are these gifts of the Holy Spirit and how might they be manifested (wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers (miracles), prophecy)?

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### **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

All parts of the body are needed. Each part of the body is necessary for the body to work efficiently. Our physical bodies can function with missing elements but perhaps not as well. All gifts of the Holy Spirit are needed for the church community to function at maximal potential. If a member's gift is absent or suffering, then the entire body hurts. If one member is honored, we all are honored.

How can we as followers of Christ Jesus encourage wholeness of spiritual gifts?

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### **1 Corinthians 12:27-31**

Although we are all part of one body, we are still individuals. We should walk in the gifts we are given. If we desire more it should be without envy but come from a desire to help God's people. Wanting more is not a sin. Wanting more for the wrong reason is sinful.

How can we keep from coveting our neighbor's gifts?

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