

THE *Spirit of Life*

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Members of His body

We are the body of Jesus Christ. The Church is the body of Christ, and we are all members of it. He is the vine and we are the branches. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes that it may bear more fruit. Every branch that does not bear fruit is cut off and thrown into the fire.

Let us present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service. Let us put off this world and renew our mind with God's Word. Make a sober judgment of yourself, and don't think more highly of yourself than you should. We are all different members of one body, but we each have a different gift. Let us use our gift in proportion to our faith. As each man has received a gift, let him use it. Don't wait to unwrap your gift; use it now — you already have it. It's up to you to be the part of the body that Christ made you to be.

Each of us strengthens Christ's body in different ways. Remember, the purpose of the gift is to build up and edify the body of Christ. Purpose to make brothers and sisters in Christ stronger, and you will find your part.

Except a seed fall to the ground and die, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Die to your old man and come alive in Christ as your part of the body, and you will bear much fruit. No greater love has a man, but that he lay down his life for the brethren. He that tries to save his life will lose it; he that loses his life for Christ's sake will keep it for eternity.