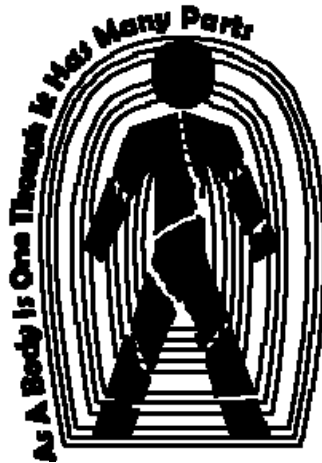


The central point in Paul's teaching is the notion that all of Jesus' followers are united. This is more than a symbolic unity--that we are together in a common faith. Paul believes that there is a real physical and mental link between us. He uses the human body as an illustration of this basic thought.

Your body is a combination of many individual components: hands, feet, eyes, bones, etc. Today, we might compare it with a computer that has a monitor, keyboard, central processor, modem--all linked together by wires (or even wireless). Each part is harmonized by our brain, or more specifically, by our soul. When the soul leaves the body, the individual parts no longer act in harmony.

The Holy Spirit is the connecting link in our faith-body. He (or She) harmonizes our individual gifts for the benefit of the whole community.



1. Think about the parts of a computer and explain how each part makes it possible for the computer to work:

Keyboard: _____

Screen: _____

Mouse: _____

Internet connection: _____

2. Think about your body: how would life be different if you didn't have:

Eyes: _____

Ears: _____

Hands: _____

Legs: _____

Mouth: _____

3. What are the gifts or special abilities I bring to the Body of Christ?
How does each of my gifts or special abilities help the Body of Christ?
