

# 1 Corinthians 12

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## Concerning Spiritual Gifts

- <sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- <sup>2</sup> Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
- <sup>3</sup> Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
- <sup>4</sup> Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- <sup>5</sup> And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
- <sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- <sup>8</sup> For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- <sup>9</sup> To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- <sup>10</sup> To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
- <sup>11</sup> But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

### **One Body with Many Members**

**12** For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

**13** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

**14** For the body is not one member, but many.

**15** If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

**16** And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

**17** If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

**18** But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

**19** And if they were all one member, where were the body?

**20** But now are they many members, yet but one body.

**21** And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

**22** Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

**23** And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

**24** For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

- 25** That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.
- 26** And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
- 27** Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
- 28** And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- 29** Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
- 30** Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
- 31** But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Apostle** — ἀπόστολος (Apostolos)

Apostle, sent one

The Greek **apostolos** (ἀπόστολος) means apostle or sent one—an authorized messenger. The twelve apostles were chosen by Christ and empowered as His witnesses, laying the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20).

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### **Baptize** — βαπτίζω (Baptizo)

To baptize, immerse

The Greek **baptizo** (βαπτίζω) means to dip, immerse, or baptize. Christian baptism symbolizes identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).

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### **Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

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### **God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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**Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)**

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

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**Prophet — προφήτης (Prophētēs)**

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

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**Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)**

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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**Word — λόγος (Logos)**

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**1 Corinthians 12:2**    **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 6:11; Psalms 115:5; Jeremiah 10:5; Galatians 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; 1 Peter 4:3

**1 Corinthians 12:3**    **References God:** 2 Corinthians 3:5. **References Jesus:** 1 Corinthians 8:6; 16:22; Mark 9:39; Romans 10:9. **Spirit:** Matthew 22:43; John 15:26. **References Lord:** John 13:13. **Curse:** Deuteronomy 21:23; Romans 9:3

**1 Corinthians 12:4**

**Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Peter 4:10. **Spirit:** Hebrews 2:4

**1 Corinthians 12:6**    **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 12:11; John 5:17; Colossians 1:29; 3:11; Hebrews 13:21. **References God:** 1 Corinthians 3:7; 15:28; Job 33:29; Ephesians 4:6; Philippians 2:13

**1 Corinthians 12:7**

**Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 14:5; 14:17; 14:19. **Spirit:** 1 Corinthians 14:12

## 1 Corinthians 12:8

**Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 1:5; 1:30; Proverbs 2:6; 2 Corinthians 8:7. **Spirit:** Exodus 31:3; Nehemiah 9:20; Job 32:8; Psalms 143:10; Isaiah 59:21. **Word:** Isaiah 50:4

**1 Corinthians 12:9 Faith:** 1 Corinthians 13:2; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 11:33. **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 12:28; 12:30; Mark 16:18

## 1 Corinthians 12:10

**Prophecy:** 1 Corinthians 14:39. **Spirit:** Joel 2:28; Acts 5:3; 11:28; 19:6; Galatians 3:5; 1 John 4:1. **Parallel theme:** Mark 16:17; Revelation 2:2. **Kingdom:** Mark 16:20

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**1 Corinthians 12:13 Baptism:** Ephesians 4:5; 1 Peter 3:21. **Parallel theme:** John 4:10; Romans 3:29; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 5:26; Colossians 3:11. **Spirit:** Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5

**1 Corinthians 12:16 Parallel theme:** Romans 12:3

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**1 Corinthians 12:20 Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 12:12; 12:14

**1 Corinthians 12:22 Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:28

**1 Corinthians 12:25 Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 3:3; 2 Corinthians 7:12; 8:16; 13:11

**1 Corinthians 12:26 Parallel theme:** Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 13:3; 1 Peter 3:8

## 1 Corinthians 12:27

**References Christ:** 1 Corinthians 12:12; Romans 12:5; Ephesians 4:12; 5:23; Colossians 1:24. **Parallel theme:** Ephesians 1:23; 5:30; Colossians 1:18

**1 Corinthians 12:28**    **References God:** 1 Corinthians 12:18; Acts 20:28. **Prophecy:** Ephesians 2:20; 3:5. **Parallel theme:** 1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:17; 13:24

**1 Corinthians 12:30**    **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 12:10

**1 Corinthians 12:31**    **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 14:39; Matthew 5:6; Philippians 3:8

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