

# SERMON OUTLINE

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**SERMON TITLE: The Gift of Interdependence**

**PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

**DATE: August 8, 2021**

## **Four Ways the Body of Christ is a Beautiful Gift**

### **1. Jesus-centered unity: vs. 12-14**

- “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.” – Ephesians 2:13-16

### **2. The (surprising) value of unity: vs. 15-20**

- “More depth of beauty is felt from a choir that sings in parts than from a choir that sings only in unison. Unity in diversity is more beautiful and more powerful than the unity of uniformity. This carries over to the untold differences that exist between the peoples of the world. When their diversity unites in worship to God, the beauty of their praise will echo the depth and greatness of God’s beauty far more than if the redeemed were from only a few different people groups.” – John Piper

### **3. The necessity of interdependence: vs. 21-26**

### **4. The sovereign orchestrator: vs. 27-31a**

- “to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Ephesians 3:9-11

## **Benediction**

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. – Romans 12:3-5