

The Body of Christ – what is our place in the institution of the church?

“But God has so composed the body, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together, if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individual members of it.”

(1 Corinthians 12:24-27)

1. Survey Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

2. Consider Ephesians 1:22 in context with all of Ephesians 1 and the Isaiah passage

3. Ephesians 4:11-16
 - a. Progression in the Body (verse 12)
 - Equipping
 - Service
 - Building up

 - b. Purpose in the Progress (verses 13-15)
 - Unity of the faith
 - Knowledge of Christ
 - Maturity
 - Sound in doctrine
 - Speaking truth in love
 - Growing up into Him

 - c. Power in the Body Dynamic – Christ is the Source (verse 16)

4. For next week, read... Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 10:19-25; Philippians 2:12-16