## **Body of Christ**

## GOD'S CALLED OUT ASSEMBLY THE CHURCH Thinking About the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 12)

The human body has been wonderfully made by God, the great creator. When David thought about the body, he said, "I Will – GIVE THANKS TO thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully MADE, marvelous are thy works," (Psalm 139:14). Your body is a marvelous living organism made up of billions and billions of tiny cells. There are more cells in your body than there are people in the world! [No one knows for sure how many cells are in the human body, but scientists estimate the number to be anywhere from 10 to 100 trillion cells.] Here are some of the wonders of the body:

- 1. Our blood is circulated through 60,000 miles of tubing reaching to every part of the body. This tubing could be stretched around the world more than seven times (If all the veins, arteries and capillaries were laid end to end).
- 2. Every day the heart pumps 5,000 to 6,000 quarts of blood. The heart is an amazing pump which never seems to get tired and which never takes a rest.
- 3. An adult has over 200 separate bones. Also within the bones, there is an amazing blood manufacturing factory. Blood cells are made inside the bones.
- 4. There are more than 600 muscles in a person's body. These muscles, along with many perfectly designed joints, enable man to move his arms, legs and body with amazing coordination.
- 5. The nervous system may be likened to a highly organized postal system or telephone system carrying messages to and from the brain. Nerve impulses can move at a speed of nearly 350 feet per second. They can zip up from a person's feet and back again more than 30 times in one second.
- 6. The world's most complex computer is the human brain. In fact, the entire human body is the world's most incredible piece of machinery. Men have made different kinds of robots, but they have never made any robot which can even begin to do what the human body can do!

## Body of Christ (Continued)

## **BODY OF CHRIST:**

THERE IS ANOTHER BODY WHICH GOD HAS PUT TOGETHER.

The human body is a wonderful thing, but there is another body which God has put together in a wonderful way. It is called the body of Christ! Consider <u>Ephesians 1:22-23</u> – "and hath put all things under His (Christ's) feet, and gave Him (Christ) to be the HEAD – over all things to the – CHURCH – (believers), which is HIS BODY." This verse teaches us that the Church (made up of believers) is His Body! The church is the body of Christ! Who is the Head of this body (<u>Ephesians 1:22</u>)? CHRIST

We learn the same truth in <u>Colossians 1:18</u> – "And He (Christ) is the – HEAD – of the body, the CHURCH." The church is called the body of Christ. Who is the head (<u>Colossians 1:18</u>)? CHRIST

Just as the human body has members (feet, hands, heart, lungs, liver, etc.) so the body of Christ has members. Let's find out who these members are. Consider 1 Corinthians 12:27 – "now – you – (believers) are the BODY – of – CHRIST – and members in particular." Every believer (every saved person) is a member of the body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the head and we are the members!

THERE IS ONE BODY BUT MANY MEMBERS.