

# **“We Were All Baptized into One Body”**

**1 Cor. 12:12,13**

## **Introduction:**

- A. Paul declares that he and the Corinthians had been baptized into one body.
  - 1. Elsewhere he declares that there is one body and one baptism (Eph. 4:4,5).
  - 2. He also declares that there is but one body (v. 20 KJV).
  - 3. He also declares that the body is the church. (Eph. 1:22,23)
- B. Paul's words emphasize two things that need studying today: (1) The Body and (2) the Baptism.

## **Discussion:**

### **I. The Body.**

- A. The oneness of the body.
  - 1. As many there are gods, lords, etc. (Eph. 4:4-6).
  - 2. Oneness of doctrine throughout (1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17).
  - 3. Many churches only in the sense of local congregations.
- B. Some identifying marks of the one body (Ill. A detective's search).
  - 1. Names by which it is called.
    - a. Collectively (Rom. 16:16; Acts 20:28; etc.)
    - b. Individually: Disciples, Christians (Acts 11:26); Saints (1 Cor. 1:2); etc.
  - 2. Date of origin (Isa. 2:2; Dan. 2:44; Matt. 16:18; Mark 9:1; Acts 2:47).
  - 3. Organization (Phil 1:1,2; Acts 14:23; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
  - 4. Items of Worship.
    - a. Singing (Eph. 5:17; 1 Cor. 14:15).
    - b. Praying (1 Cor. 14:15).
    - c. Teaching/preaching (Acts 5:42; 20:7)
    - d. Lord's supper on first day of week (Acts 20:7).
    - e. Collections on the first day of week (1 Cor. 16:2).
  - 5. Program of work.
    - a. Evangelism (Phil. 4:15-16; 2 Cor. 11:8).
    - b. Edification (Eph. 4:16).
    - c. Benevolence to saints (Rom. 15:26).

### **II. The Baptism.**

- A. The objective of baptism.
  - 1. To save (1 Pet. 3:21).
  - 2. To remit sins (Acts 2:38).
  - 3. To enter Christ (Rom. 6:4; Gal. 3:26, 27).
  - 4. To enter the church (text)
  - 5. Hence, a vital connection between salvation and the baptism and the church (Acts 2:47)
- B. The proper subject for baptism.
  - 1. A believer (Acts 8:36, 37).
  - 2. A penitent believer (Act 2:38).
  - 3. A Confessed believer (Rom. 10:10; Acts 8:37).

## **Conclusion:**

- A. Those baptized scripturally are added to the one body.
- B. In NT there was no such things as being saved then being baptized into the church of your choice.