

Footsteps to Follow

“The Body of Christ is Inclusive”

1 Corinthians 1 & 12

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BIBLICAL EXPOSITION & ANNOTATION:

1 Corinthians 1: ¹ Paul, called to be an apostle (*ἀπόστολος [ap-os'-tol-os] envoy, delegate, commissioned by another*) of Christ Jesus by the will of God... ² To the church of God in Corinth... ¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions (*σχίσμα [skhis'-mah] split, schism*) among you, so that you be perfectly united (*καταρτίζω [kat-ar-tid'-zo] fit together*) in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 12: ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts...

¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²⁷ Now you are the body (*σῶμα [so'-mah] flesh; embodiment*) of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

The word of the Lord; Thanks be to God!

HOMILY:

Paul: You are the Body of Christ !

The Family of Faith should not be divided

“It is not our differences that create division. Our division is how we handle our differences.”

1. Do not limit God’s eternal truth to human understanding

Mark Twain: “it is not what you don’t know that gets you in trouble. What gets you in trouble is what you know, that just ain’t so.”

2. Find ways to works together