

The Church: The Body of Christ

1. There's an between the church and Jesus

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.
1 Cor 12:12 (TNIV)*

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers to equip the body for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ. Ephesians Ch 4 vs 11-13 (TNIV)

2. Jesus wants Troqueer church to grow, so that it reflects the fulness of Christ

3. For Troqueer church to be mature we must be

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit, so as to form one body-whether Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

1 Corinthians 12 vs 12-14(TNIV)

4. Christian love is developed through to one another and it is expressed in for one another.

5. For Troqueer church to be mature we must recognise and use

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kind of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 1 Corinthians 12 vs 27-30(TNIV)

6. God wants unity in his church but it's unity that

7. Diversity in the church can result in some feeling

Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason cease to be a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason cease to be a part of the body. If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be. 1 Corinthians 12 vs 15-17 (TNIV)

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:7 (TNIV)

8. Wanting to be like someone else or wanting the gifts they have God is looking for in the body.

And so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:14 (TNIV)

9. Wanting to be like someone else or wanting the gifts they have is suggesting that

*But in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.
1 Corinthians 12:18 (TNIV)*

10. Diversity in the church can result in some feeling

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable. 1 Cor. 12 vs 21,22(TNIV)

11. Unity is achieved when as a church we realise that