

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

The Body

John 1:1-2, 14 & 18

*“In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God ... And **the Word became flesh and dwelled among us...**”*

What does Jesus **occupy** on earth?

- **His Word and His body**
- He **was**, and **is** present in **both**

*“And **the Word became flesh and dwelled among us**”*

The Lord **Jesus Christ** – who **IS God...**

- Took upon Himself humanity (**Col. 2:9**)
- And has **not** relinquished it!

We too easily miss much of what is vital about **who He is** by shortchanging **His humanity**.

- **Then and now**

Then – **Hebrews 4:15 & 2:18**

Now – **I Corinthians 11:17-31 (*Vs.29)**

*“For those who eat and drink **without discerning the body of Christ** eat and drink judgment on themselves.”*

I Corinthians 1:10-13 (*Vs.13 & 3:3)

“Is Christ divided?”

“For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like unbelievers?”

Ephesians 4:11-13 (*Vs.13)

*“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 fullness of Christ.**”*

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Is that what we’re reaching for... our goal, our target?

- **Because it’s Christ’s goal for us!**

John 17:20-23

- **It’s what He lived & died for!**
- (Beginning with the end in mind)

Romans 12:5

- **“We, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”**

I Corinthians 12:12-27 (*Vs.27)

*“Now **you are the body of Christ**, and individual members of it.”*

- How would you do without your pancreas?
- How about your stomach & lungs... hearing or sight?
- To what lengths do we go to preserve them when they’re threatened?

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*The greatest conviction of righteousness is **Who Christ IS!***

- The 2nd greatest is who **We are In Him**

The U.S. Christian faith tradition has become so focused on individual salvation & identity...

- We've lost sight of **Christ's greatest passion & purpose** for coming
- **The Body** – His humanity on earth here & now!
- In which **we are all essential** to each other

- She is **Who & What** He died for
- Who & What **He is returning for**

For Christ's sake – Live like it!

He does

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The Body is of **immeasurably greater importance** than the individual