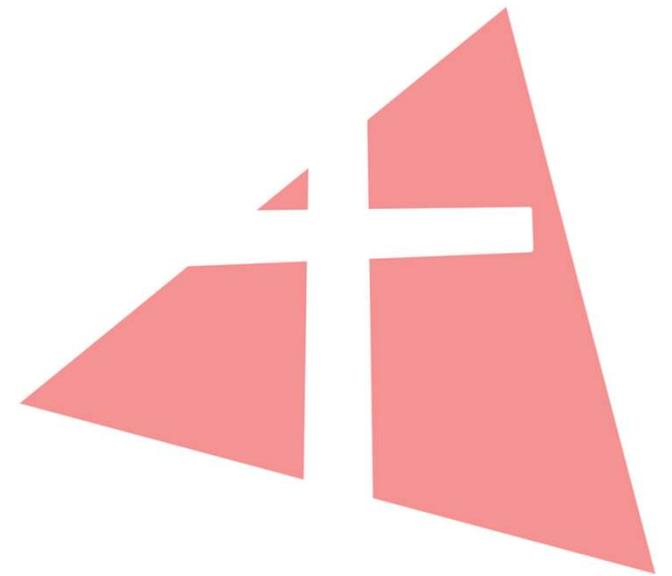


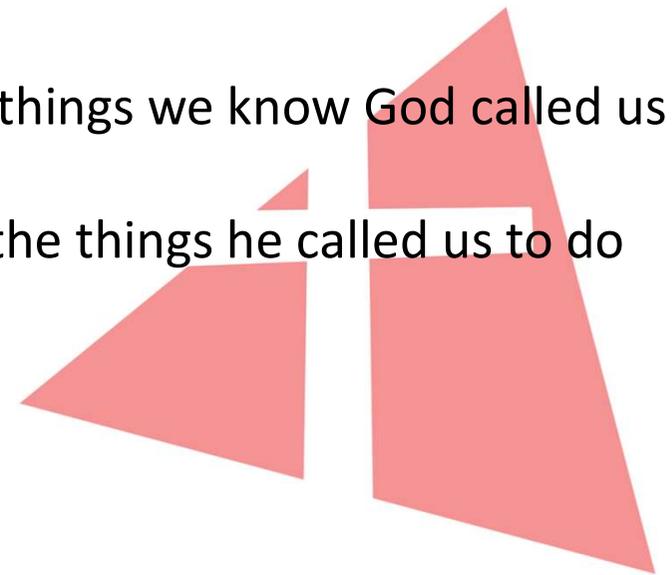
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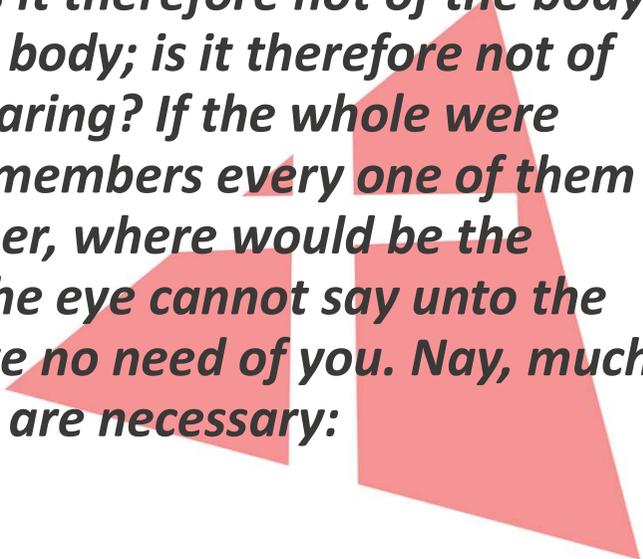
Last Week

- **I believe God is telling us to “get up and walk”**
 - Not ignoring the challenges we face internally
 - But now allowing these issues to prevent us from doing the things we know God called us to do
 - God offers us healing and restoration as we act upon doing the things he called us to do



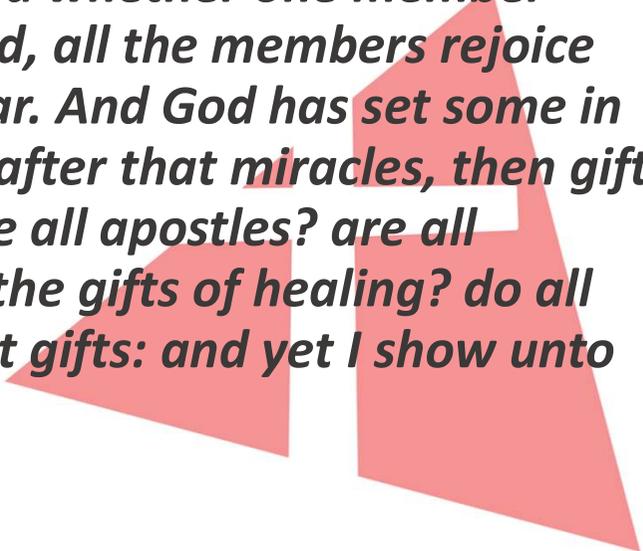
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1 Corinthians 12:12-31 For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now has God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased him. And if they were all one member, where would be the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of you: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:



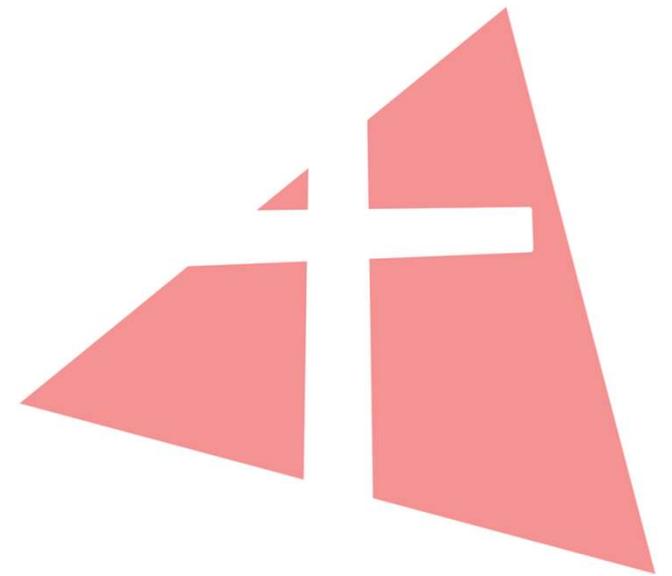
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And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our less respectable parts have greater respect. For our more respectable parts have no need: but God has arranged the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helpers, administrators, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet I show unto you a more excellent way.



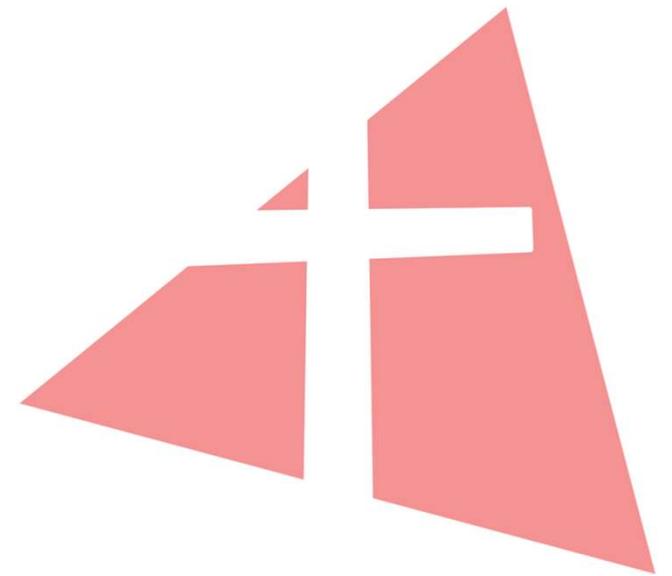
Our physical bodies

- **We consist of many different body parts**
- **We can only function if each body part does its work**



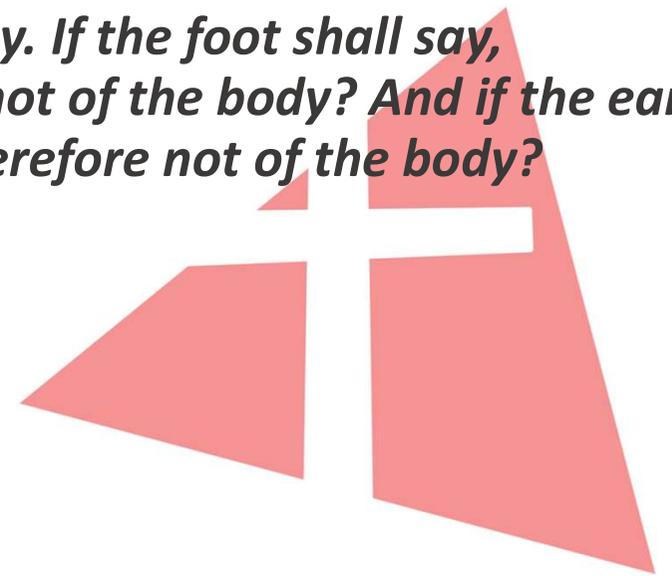
The Church is like a body

- We are all members of the body
- Christ is the head
- We all do our part according to what God calls us to do



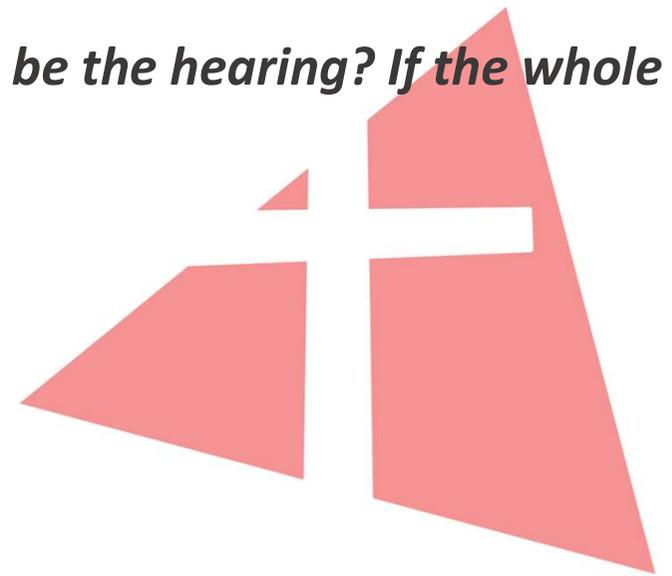
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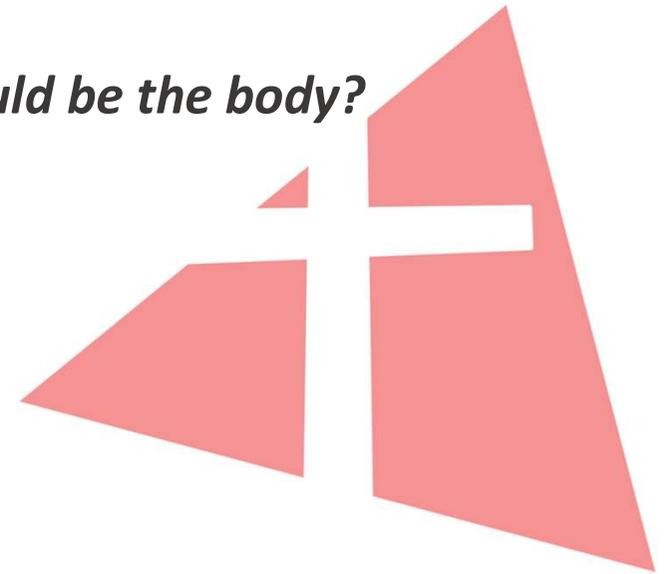
No imitating others

1 Corinthians 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?



We can't all be the same

1 Corinthians 12:19 And if they were all one member, where would be the body?



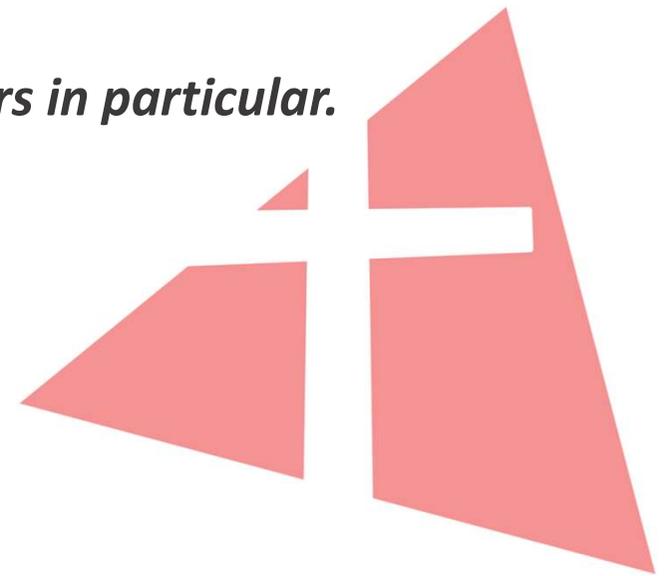
No looking down on each other

1 Corinthians 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of you: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.



Everybody is meant to use their gifts

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

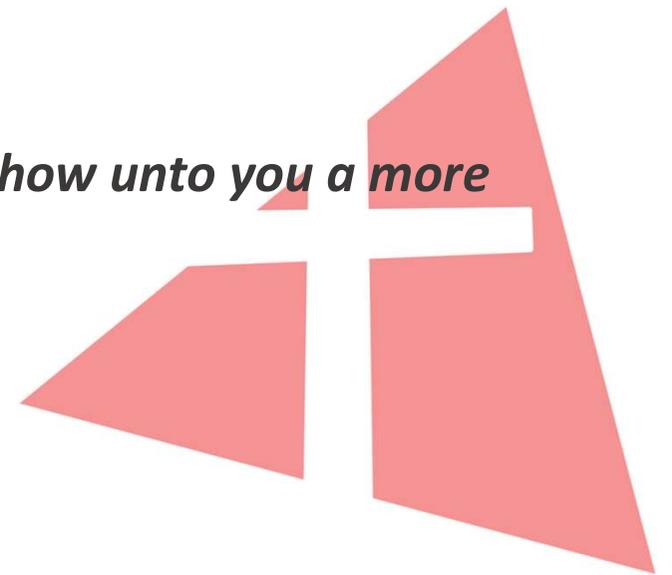


What's more important?

- Love

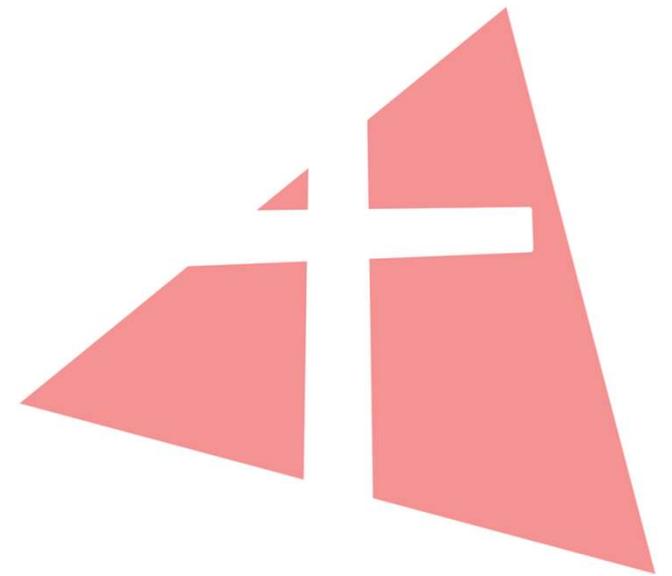
- 1. Cor. 13

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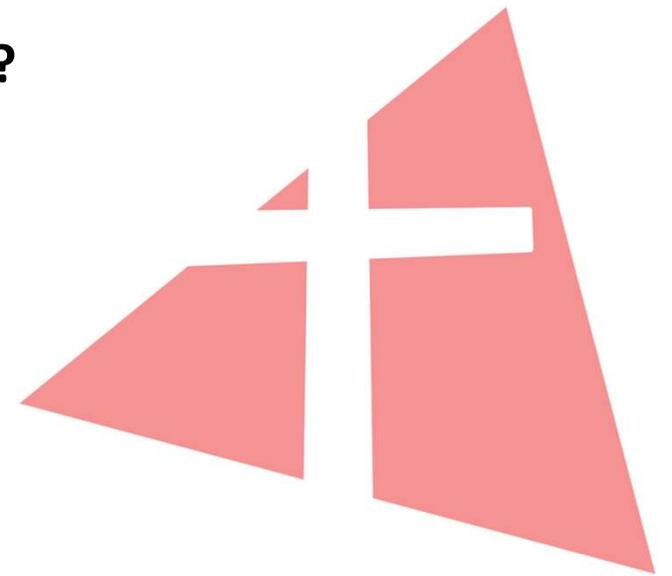
An important question

- **Which Body Part is God calling me to be here at Aletheia?**



“Question of the week” in my small group

- **If you were a body part, which body part would you like to be?**
 - And why?



My Opinion

- **I think some of us are not really practicing all the gifts God called us to use**
 - But we have to hear that from God, not from Bernd

