

God's Ancient Paths

Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the Lord says:

"Stand at the crossroads and look;

ask for the ancient paths,

ask where the good way is, and walk in it,

and you will find rest for your souls.

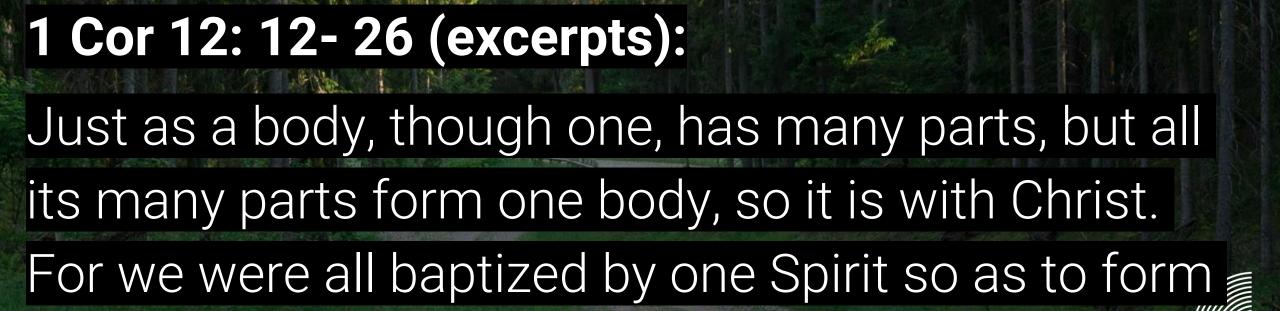
But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'



Ekklesia (Ek - Kaleo)

- The <u>collective of those</u> He called
- The gathering of those He called
- in a local context





one body...

1 Cor 12: 12- 26 (excerpts):

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 stop being part of the body. ... God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.



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The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" ... On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. ... If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.



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1 Cor 12: 12- 26 (excerpts):

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 baptized by one Spirit so as **to form one body**...



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What constitutes a church?

A group of local believers who gathers & submits under an apostolically appointed elders.



Are you a member?

Yes you are! It's who you are!

1 Cor 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.



Church & my Calling

Gal 6:10

...let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Our gifts are given in the context of sering the Body, first. (Rom 12, 1 Cor 12)



Church & the Kingdom

The Kingdom is hosted in the Church.

It's the only agent that extends the Kingdom.

The ultimate proof of Kingdom success.



What Members have

- Home & Family Eternal, God ordained.
- Instruction & Correction to live well.
- Intercession Prayer covering
- Care & Protection Needs & Crises
- Kingdom Partnerships & Networks



What Members do

- Gather Sundays, Wednesdays &...
 - Serve Bring your gift & serve each other
 - Give Tithes, Needs, Missions & Ministries
 - Submit To the leaders & build with us
 - Disciple Invest in relationships. Up & down



Ministry

- Healing: Once bitten... hurt in church
 - Commitment: I have been floating around
 - Repentance: Not been functioning fully
 - Any prayer need aligned to this message



