

KINGDOM COMMUNITY: Not a Frankenstein Body

I received understanding in my spirit that the Body of Christ has been artificially put together like a robot and expected to be a living entity. Coming together on a Sunday morning in churches is an artificial way of trying to become the Body. I felt in my spirit that this has to change.

As I meditated on this I realized that this automaton Body was just like Dr Frankenstein's attempt to make an artificial person. In the story, he built a person out of the body parts from different people to see if life would work outside of the normal process of human reproduction.

To get an idea of what I'm trying to get you to understand, there's a photo of a wax model of Frankenstein's monster at this link: commons.wikimedia.org.

This is what we, the church, have been doing for years and it doesn't work – there's no life this way.

There's a reason for our futile attempt at being the Body, and it comes from the way we've implemented the teaching on it from the NT. Let me explain.

We are used to reading the following 3 quotes about the Body of Christ. We've probably heard many sermons preached on this topic using these verses.

Colossians 2:19 (NKJV) – *and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and **knit together** by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.*

Romans 12:4-8 (NKJV) – *For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then **gifts** differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 “*For in fact the body is not one member but many.*” and “*Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then **gifts** of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.*”

Note the first one reference: It talks about being knitted together. This is about being an organism – a living thing where every part of the body is supposed to be in its place. A human body develops this way *in utero* such that every part is intimately connected and alive. This is the way the Body of Christ is supported to be.

What's happened in the church over the years is something different. When everyone comes together on a Sunday morning an artificial body is created, not one that's made of living, connected parts. Everyone is artificially joined together, because the leaders say so. There is no life in the parts because there is no community. Community results in the parts wanting to be together; loving to be together; fitting together easily; and growing into an organism that functions 24/7.

Take a look at the other 2 verses: These are about gifts. They're not about community, so implementing them in isolation to the understanding that the 1st church was a living community is

out of place.

When genuine community is forgotten, these 2 verses lead to the formation of organisations, not organisms. The church becomes all about structure and function (very Greek) and not about interrelationships and community (very Hebrew).

We MUST form a genuine community to be The Body, and that starts with our attitude.

This morphing will not be done by pressure from anyone in our group, but it must happen. The prophetic word we received at the beginning about us was that 'it would become a community'. So let's work on it together.

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