Anatomy of the Body



(Selected Texts)

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What is the Anatomy of Christ's Body (His Church)?

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1 Cor. 12:18 - But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

2. The Head of the Body Determines the Growth and Function of the Body

Col. 2:19 - And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

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Romans 12:4-5 - For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: [5] So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

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Col. 3:15 - And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

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Ro 14:7 - For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

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10. The Body Grows when each Body Part does it's Work in Connection with the Other Parts *(Ephesians 4:16)*

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The Pastor's Job is not to create Life but to take care of Life

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