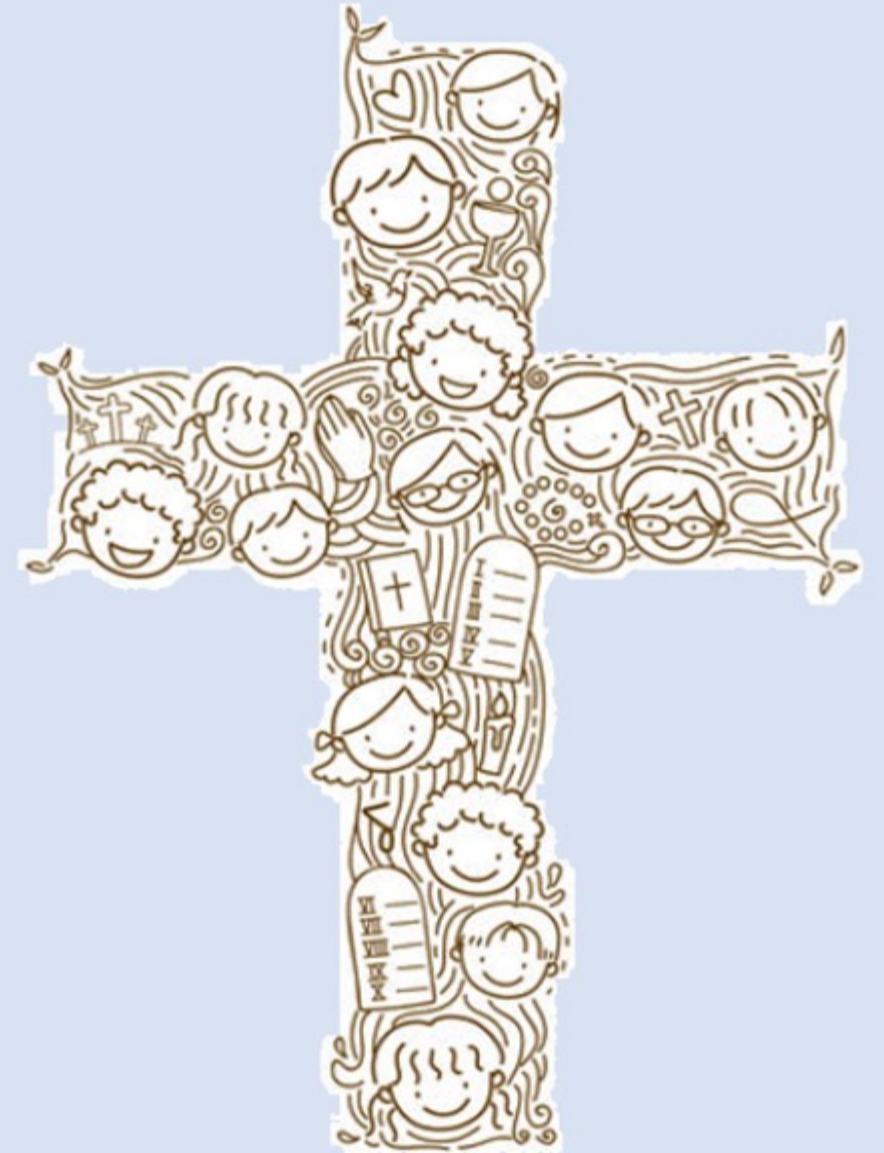


Embracing Unity in the Body

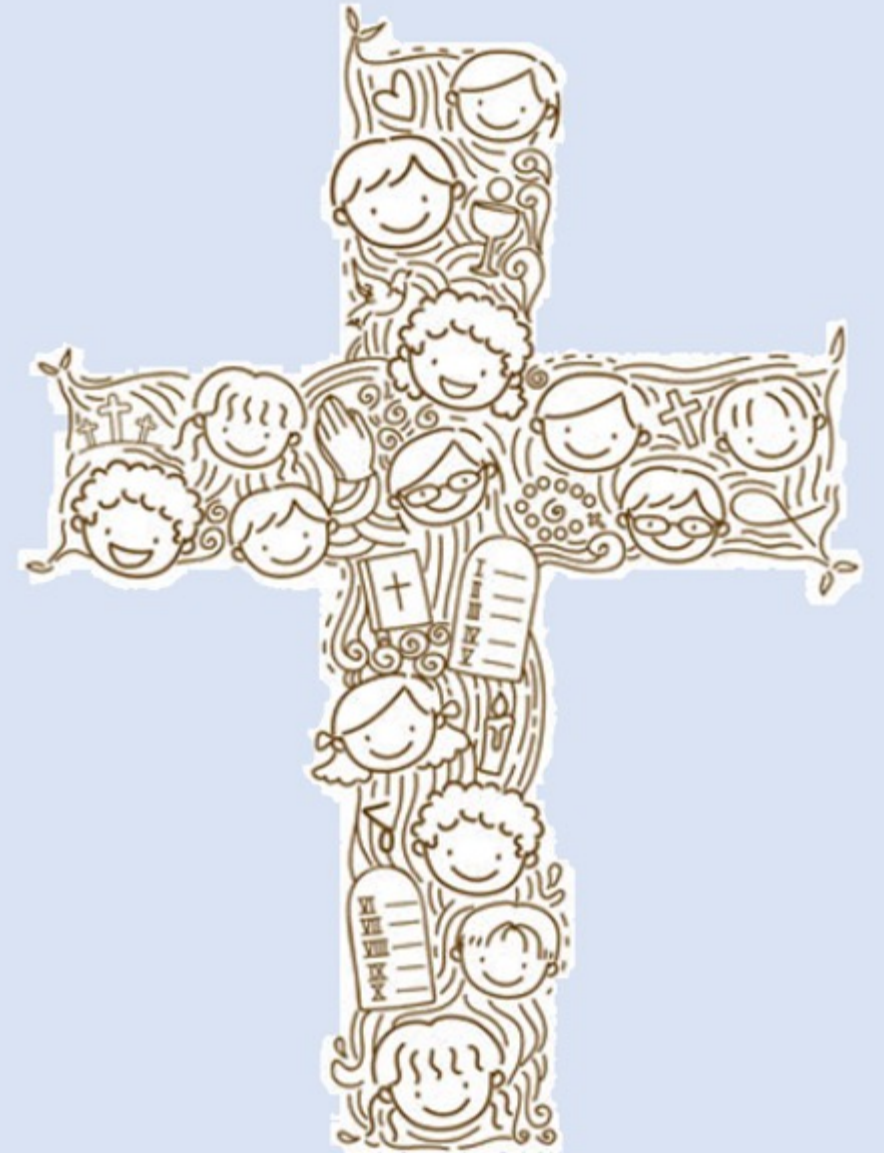
(1 Cor 12:12-31)



We ARE the body of Christ...

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

- 1 Cor 12:12-13



The Peace




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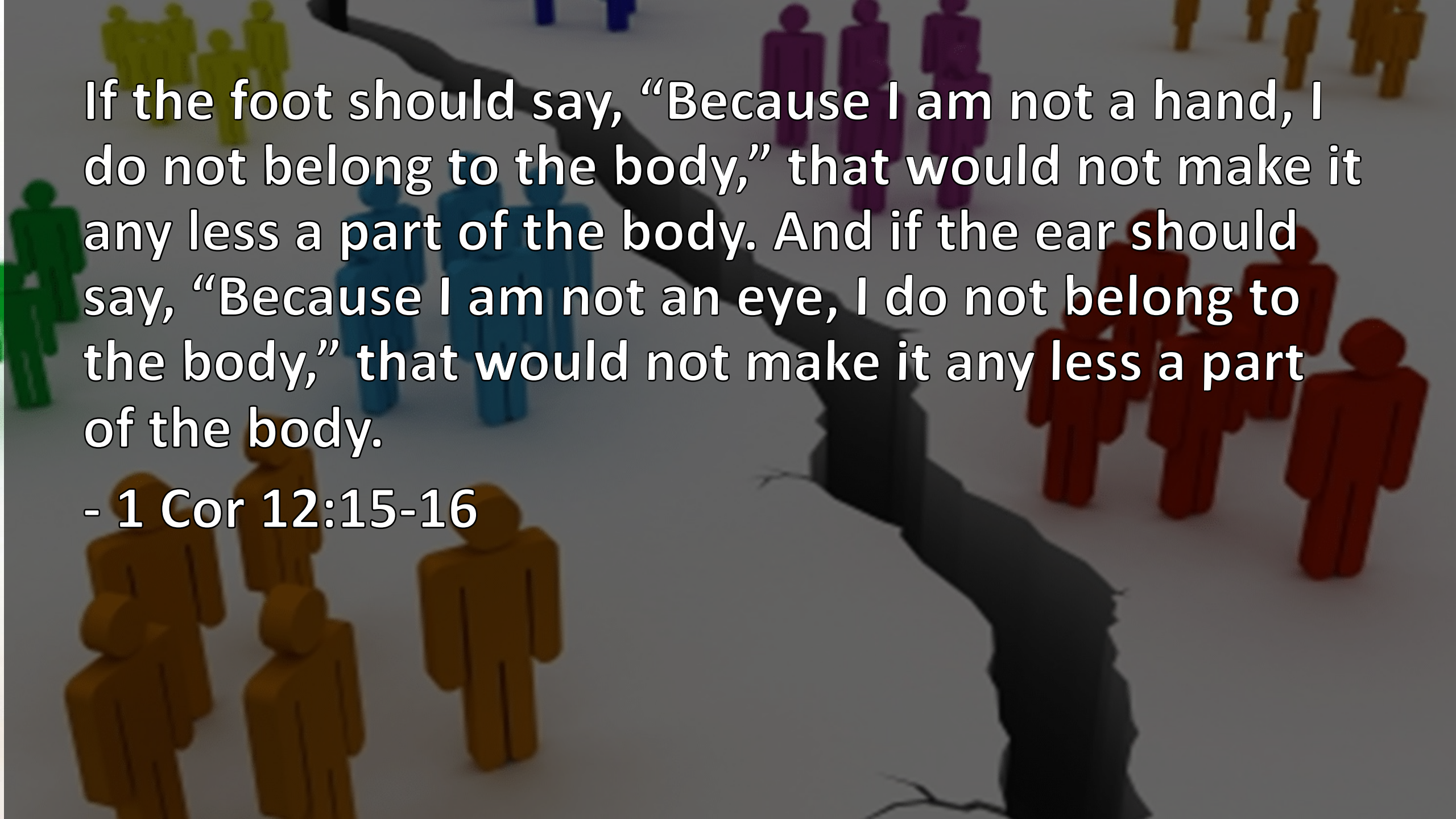
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**Let us then pursue all that makes for
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**The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.**



That which threatens
our Unity in Christ



If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

- 1 Cor 12:15-16

Threat #1: Actions that disable the body

If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? **But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose**

- 1 Cor 12:17-18





²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable...
- 1 Cor 12:21-22

Threat #2: Actions that hurt our relationship with one another



If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

- 1 Cor 12:26



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