A person wearing a vibrant, multi-colored shawl is shown from the side, blowing a long, curved horn. The background is a dramatic sunset with a bright sun on the left and a gradient of orange and red in the sky. The scene is set against a backdrop of distant, hazy mountains.

**And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock
I will build My church, and the gates of Hades
shall not overpower it [or be strong to its
detriment or hold out against it].**

Matthew 16:18 (Amplified Bible)

And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVENS."

Hebrews 12:26



The Person & the Work of the

Holy Spirit

*12. The Role of the Holy Spirit
in the Church - 9*

- We live in the Age of the Spirit & the Holy Spirit is the operational member of the Godhead in the earth in this age.
- Jesus said that He would build His Church & the Holy Spirit is the Advocate for Christ sent to guide, empower & direct God's people & to see the Church built as Jesus intended.
- The Word of God, the Son of God & the Spirit of God all speak with one voice & are in agreement concerning the Church that Jesus said He would build.
- Jesus is coming soon for a Church that is the Bride of Christ, washed by the water of the Word, so as to be presented to Jesus as a glorious Bride, without spot of wrinkle.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren,
I do not want you to be unaware.

1 Corinthians 12:1

But, brothers, I do not want you to go on being
ignorant about **the things of the Spirit.**

1 Corinthians 12:1 (Complete Jewish Bible)

He had four unmarried daughters, **who prophesied.**

Acts 21:9

For **you can all prophesy** one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged.

1 Corinthians 14:31




**The question is not will I get a GIFT but rather . . .
am I walking in what God has already deposited in me?**

Understanding that Scripture uses CHARISMATA & PNEUMATIKOS (not DORON) to speak about spiritual “gifts” **shifts our perspective** from waiting for gifts to come to us from heaven, to realising that if we have been baptised in the Holy Spirit, then **we have already received all we need to actively live a Spirit-shaped life & to walk in Spirit-empowered ministry.**

This change in our thinking is vital if the Church is to move in power, if we are to grow in spiritual maturity & if we are to be effective in ministry & mission.

4. Now there are varieties (**diversity**) of gifts (**charisma**), but the same Spirit.
5. And there are varieties (**diversity**) of ministries (**service**), and the same Lord.
6. There are varieties (**diversity**) of effects (**outworkings**), but the same God who works all things in all persons.
7. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit (**visible expression of God's work**) for the common good.

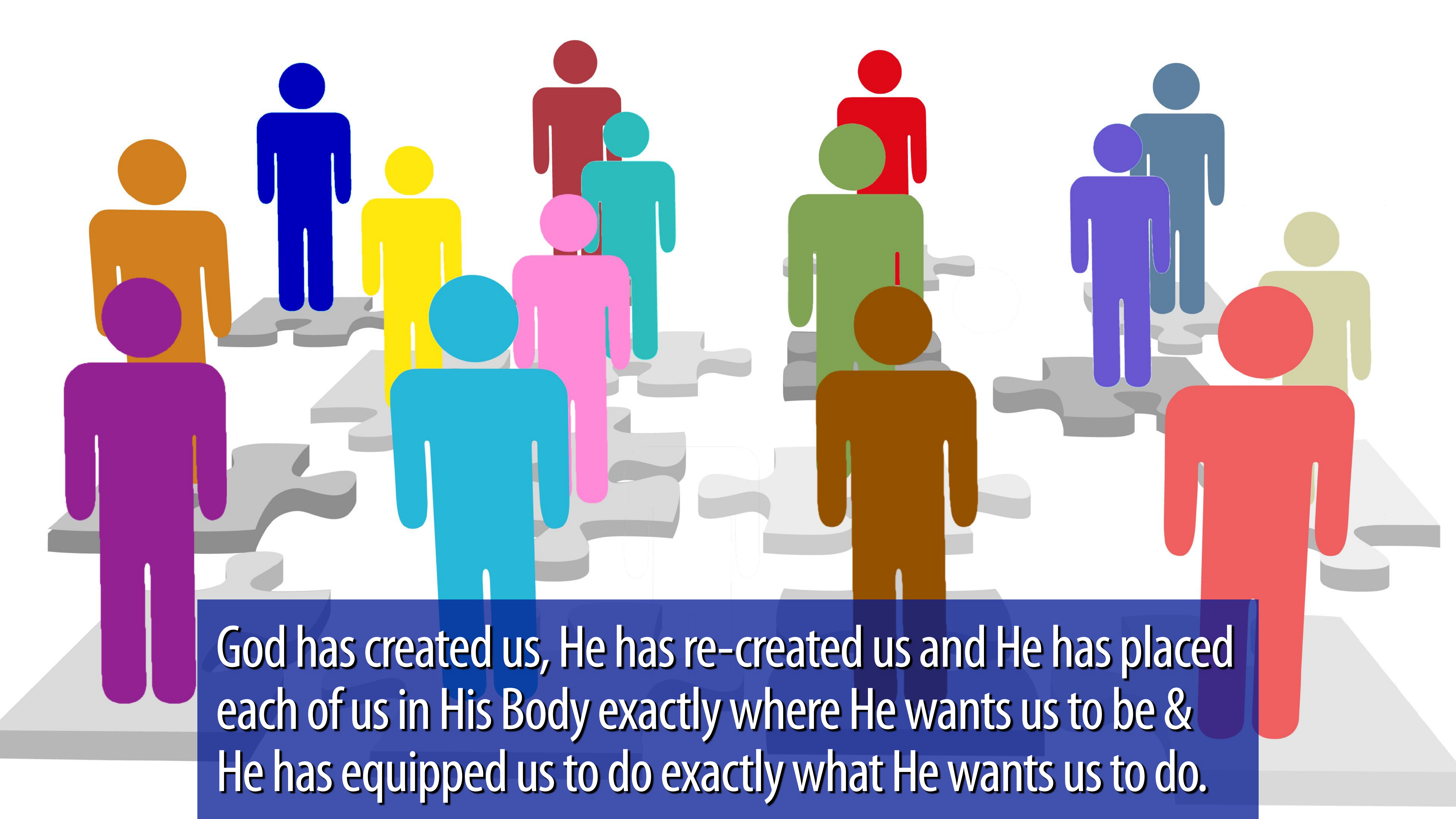
1 Corinthians 12:4-7




Spirit-empowered diversity (vs 4–7)

But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body just as He desired.

1 Corinthians 12:18



God has created us, He has re-created us and He has placed each of us in His Body exactly where He wants us to be & He has equipped us to do exactly what He wants us to do.



Spirit-empowered diversity (vs 4–7)

- ▶ A variety of spiritual expressions or manifestations (vs. 4)

Now there are varieties (**diversity**) of gifts (**charisma**), but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4



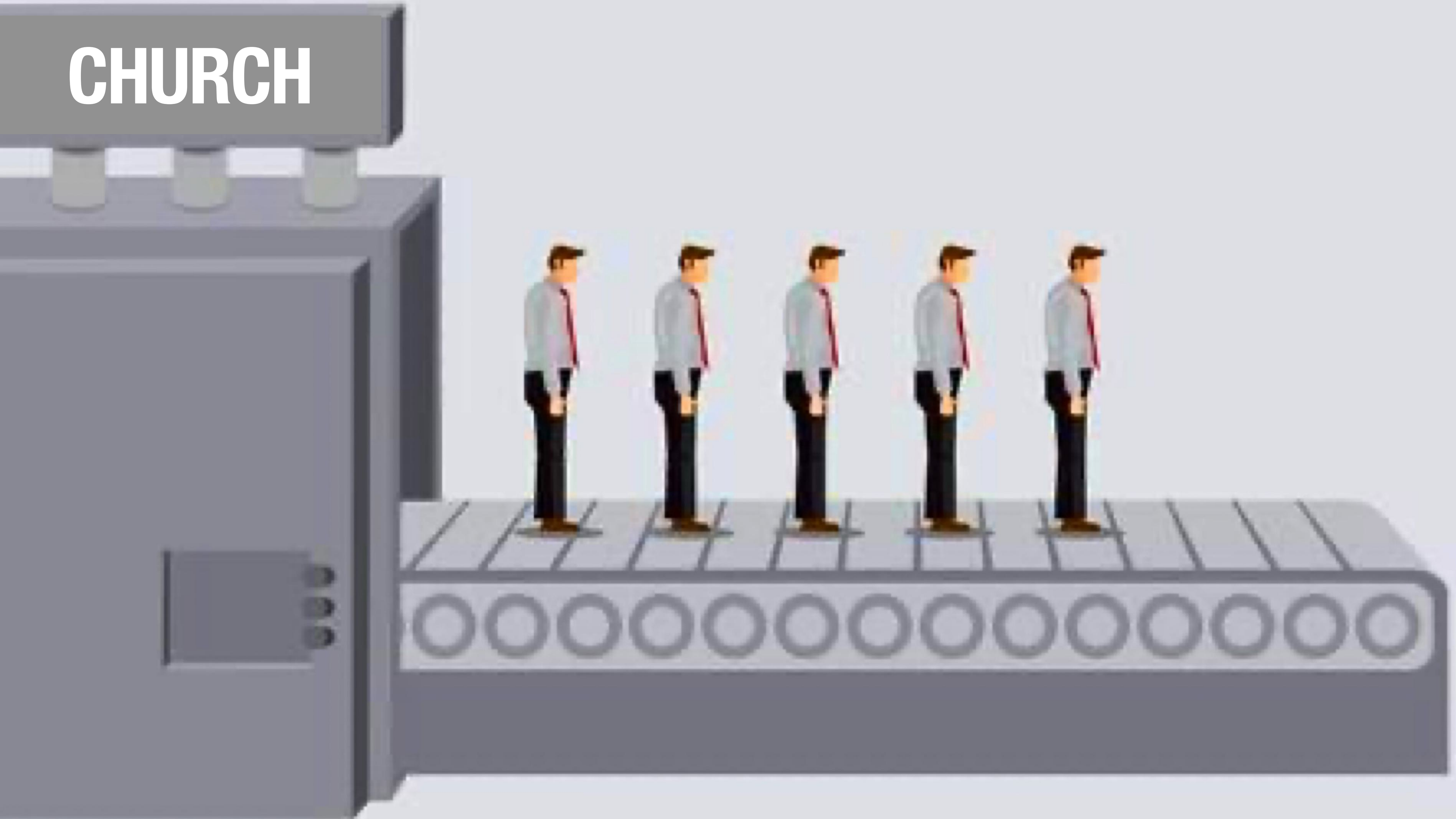
Spirit-empowered diversity (vs 4–7)


- ▶ A variety of spiritual expressions or manifestations (vs. 4)
- ▶ A variety in ministry / service (vs. 5)

And there are varieties (**diversity**) of ministries (**service**), and the same Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:5

CHURCH






Spirit-empowered diversity (vs 4–7)

- ▶ A variety of spiritual expressions or manifestations (vs. 4)
- ▶ A variety in ministry / service (vs. 5)
- ▶ A variety in the outcomes (vs. 6)

There are varieties (**diversity**) of effects (**outworkings**), but the same God who works all things in all persons.

1 Corinthians 12:6



Spirit-empowered diversity (vs 4–7)

- ▶ A variety of spiritual expressions or manifestations (vs. 4)
- ▶ A variety in ministry / service (vs. 5)
- ▶ A variety in the outcomes (vs. 6)
- ▶ **All for a divine purpose (vs. 7)**

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit (**visible expression of God's work**) for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:7



PNEUMATIKOS

- ▶ the things of the Spirit
- ▶ spiritual qualities, attitudes & realities

**We don't wait to receive the things of the Spirit,
we steward what we've already received.**



SYNERGY

The term synergy literally means "working together." The principle is that the combined effect of parts working together is far greater than the sum of their individual efforts. The concept of synergy fits beautifully with Paul's picture of the Body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12.

Synergy in 1 Corinthians 12

- ▶ Diverse gifts and roles working together harmoniously, so that the outcome is far greater than if each acted alone.
- ▶ Interdependence. In the Body of Christ, no part is self-sufficient. The things of the Spirit are designed to build up the whole community, not just the individual.
- ▶ Not just human teamwork but Spirit-enabled & empowered co-operation that produces fruit beyond human capability.
- ▶ Greater impact where results exceed individual contributions, so that the Body of Christ, functioning as one, becomes a powerful witness to the world.



The Church compared to a Body (vs 12–27)

12. For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.
13. For by one Spirit we were all baptised into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
14. For the body is not one member, but many.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

15. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.
16. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.
17. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

1 Corinthians 12:15-17

18. But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.
19. If they were all one member, where would the body be?
20. But now there are many members, but one body.
21. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

1 Corinthians 12:18-21

22. On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;
23. and those members of the body which we deem less honourable, on these we bestow more abundant honour, and our less presentable members become much more presentable,
24. whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honour to that member which lacked,
25. so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

1 Corinthians 12:22-25

- 26.** And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
- 27.** Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:26-27



The Church compared to a Body (vs 12–27)

- ▶ **One Body, many members (vs.12)**

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

4. For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,
5. so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:4-5



The Church compared to a Body (vs 12–27)

- ▶ **One Body, many members (vs.12)**
- ▶ **Unity through the Holy Spirit (vs.13)**

For by one Spirit we were all baptised into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13



The Church compared to a Body (vs 12–27)

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- ▶ **Mutual care & mutual honour (vs. 22–26)**

43. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.
44. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;
45. and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.
46. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,
47. praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:43-47



The Church compared to a Body (vs 12–27)

- ▶ One Body, many members (vs.12)
- ▶ Unity through the Holy Spirit (vs.13)
- ▶ Interdependence (vs.14–21)
- ▶ Mutual care & mutual honour (vs. 22–26)
- ▶ **Positioned & needed (vs. 27)**

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

- ▶ God has positioned every member of the body of Christ with intention, and each one is needed for the health and mission of the whole. Our role is to live out the place He has assigned and contribute to the body in unity.
- ▶ You are one piece of a picture that is not complete without you.
- ▶ God has shaped and empowered you to be an important part of the Body of Christ to bring Him honour.



Haggai 2:4 & 8

4. “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your panelled houses while this house lies desolate?”

8. “Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified,” says the Lord.