

Diversity in the Body

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

(series #50)

Introduction: we are the members of the body of Christ

I. The Distribution of the Gifts by God v. 28a

A. The Spirit gives the gifts vv. 7-9, 11, 18, 24

B. The Lord makes the choice - John 15:16

II. The Sample List of Some of the Gifts v. 28

A. Apostles - divinely appointed representatives

1. 1 Corinthians 9:1

2. Hebrews 2:1-4, 2 Corinthians 12:12

3. Acts 2:42, Ephesians 3:5

4. Ephesians 2:20

B. Prophets - Ephesians 2:20

C. Teachers - Hosea 4:6, Colossians 1:28

D. The sign gifts of miracles and healings

E. The serving gifts of helps and administration

F. Speaking in tongues/languages

III. The Rhetorical Questions vv. 29-30

IV. The Contrast of the More Excellent Way v. 31

A. "You are jealously desiring the greater gifts"

B. "And yet I show you are more excellent way"

Conclusion: the superiority of selfless love - chapter 13