

“Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head”

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

Pastor Jonathan DeCou

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

BIG IDEA: Authentic Christian Churches are more than the sum of their parts.

*“For just as the body is one and has many parts,
and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body —
so also is Christ.”
1 Corinthians 12:12 (CSB)*

☞ **Authentic Christian Churches are not like the local auto parts store: There are no spare parts in the Body. (v12-20)**

☞ **Authentic Christian Churches are irreducibly complex: The various parts together form the whole. (v21-26)**

☞ **Authentic Christian Churches are diverse yet unified: Each part has intricate functionality. (v27-31)**

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Read: Read Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:11 & 1 Peter 4:10-11 and re-read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.

Think: As you think about how the various parts of the Body of Christ relate to one another, ask yourself the following questions: *What points does the body image convey? How do you explain the relationship between unity and diversity in the Body of Christ? Is there any significance in Paul ordering certain gifts “first”, “second”, “third”, etc.? As you reflect on v 29-30, what other issues is Paul dealing with among the Corinthians?*

Do: Identify one thing you can do this week to promote the unity of the Body of Christ. Identify one thing you can do this week to celebrate the diversity of the Body of Christ. Make a list of the things you think God has uniquely called you to be about within His Body.