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- Is Singular:
  - Jesus promised to build one church.  
**Matt. 16:18** (cf. **Col. 1:18**)
  - One is added to this body at conversion.  
**1 Cor. 12:12-13**
  - Division is explicitly condemned in the Scriptures. **1 Cor. 1:10-15**
  - Disciples are to work together for unity.  
**Eph. 4:1-6** (cf. **Matt. 28:20**)

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- Is Spiritual In Nature:
  - “Church” – Gk. *Ekklesia* – An assembled group of people.
  - The church is the people who have been saved. Acts 2:37-41, 47
  - The work of the church then is spiritual. Eph. 3:8-12; 4:11-12

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- **Can Be Identified:**
  - **Believers band together to carry out God's work in specific communities.**  
**Ex. Phil. 1:1; Acts 9:26**
  - **One can identify who is and is not a genuine believer. Ex. Acts 19:1-5; 2 Jn. 9; Eph. 4:5**
  - **The church that Jesus built keeps, teaches, and practices all that Jesus instructed.**  
**Matt. 28:20**



FOR 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.

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 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13**