

“... not discerning the Lord’s body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.”
I Cor. 11:29-30

**THE CHURCH:
THE BODY OF CHRIST
A MINISTRY OF HEALING
I Cor. 12:27,28**

1. A BODY IS AN ORGANISM (DEPENDENT)

BODY - SOMA - PSYCHOSOMATIC - HIGHER AND LOWER LIFE
- FRAIL AND MORTAL - DUST - Gen. 2:7
- REQUIRES RESURRECTION (FINALLY) - Rom. 8:23

2. HEALING

- NECESSARY
- CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE - TO MAINTAIN LIFE
- Gen. 2:9 TREE OF LIFE IN THE GARDEN
- Rev. 2:7 TREE OF LIFE IN NEW JERUSALEM
- Rev. 22:2 BESIDE THE RIVER

3. JESUS IN HIS BODY

- FULFILLED THE WILL OF GOD - Ps. 40:6-8; Heb. 10:7
- THROUGH OFFERING HIS BODY, SANCTIFIED AND PERFECTED THE CHURCH
- Heb. 10:10,14

4. CHURCH

- BODY OF CHRIST
- CONTINUES MINISTRY OF CHRIST - I Cor. 12:27; I Cor. 12:9
- A HEALING MINISTRY - A NEED WITHIN - MUTUAL SUPPORT
- I Cor. 12:28; James 5: 13-16

BODY - CENTRAL PLACE IN PAULINE THEOLOGY

BODY:	ORGANISM	- ANYTHING THAT HAS LIFE IN ITSELF - A LIVING BODY COMPOSED OF PARTS AND MEMBERS
SOCIETY:	ORGANIZATION	- UNITED HAVING A SPECIAL PURPOSE - PARTS WORKING TOGETHER - ORGANIZED BODY OF PEOPLE - UNITED BY A COMMON INTEREST AND PURPOSE