

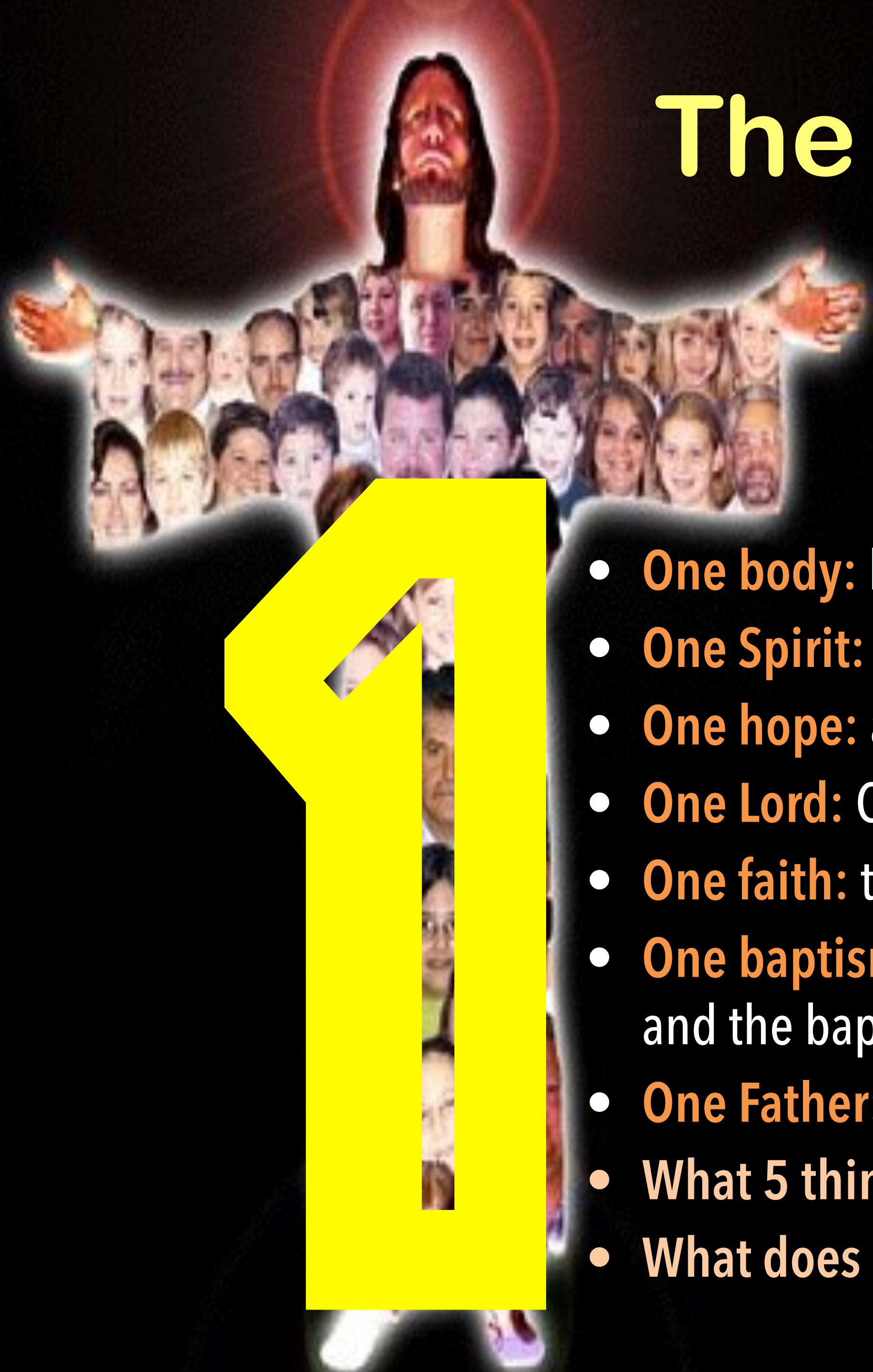
# THE CHURCH: THE BODY OF CHRIST



THE BODY OF CHRIST Part 1: *"The Church: the body of Christ"*  
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# The 7 Ones: Ephesians 4:4-16



- **One body:** believers in fellowship with the Holy Spirit and with one another
- **One Spirit:** The Holy Spirit walks daily with the believers to keep the unity of the Spirit
- **One hope:** a good expectation in this life and a looking forward to a home in heaven
- **One Lord:** Christ, redeemed us with his blood
- **One faith:** the only requirement to commit to Christ.
- **One baptism:** Water baptism which is the sign of dying and rising with Christ; and the baptism in the Spirit.
- **One Father:** who eternally loves us unconditionally
- **What 5 things must believers do to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?**
- **What does keeping unity mean to you?**



A glowing Venn diagram with three overlapping circles. The top circle is labeled 'Father', the bottom-left circle is labeled 'Son', and the bottom-right circle is labeled 'Holy Spirit'. The circles overlap in the center, creating a bright, fiery yellow and orange glow that radiates outwards. The background is dark, making the glowing circles stand out.

Father

Son

Holy  
Spirit

# Source of believer's unity: Father Son and Holy Spirit

- One Father, One Christ, One Spirit in every believer gives them unity. Ephesians 4:4-6
- Unity is not being alike nor thinking alike. Unity is in having the same purpose
- The same Spirit gives different gifts, to operate differently in different people, to provide diversity and complementarity/interdependence.
- Diversity is God's design to maintain effective function of His church, as a living organism
- Diversity in ministry is necessary for unity to be maintained.
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Romans 12:5-6; 1 Peter 2: 4-5
- **What terms are used to describe the church?**



**The Head  
is IN HEAVEN**

**The  
HEAD**

**The Lord Jesus  
Christ**

Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23; Col. 1:18

John 3:16  
Acts 16:31

**Placed into  
the Body**

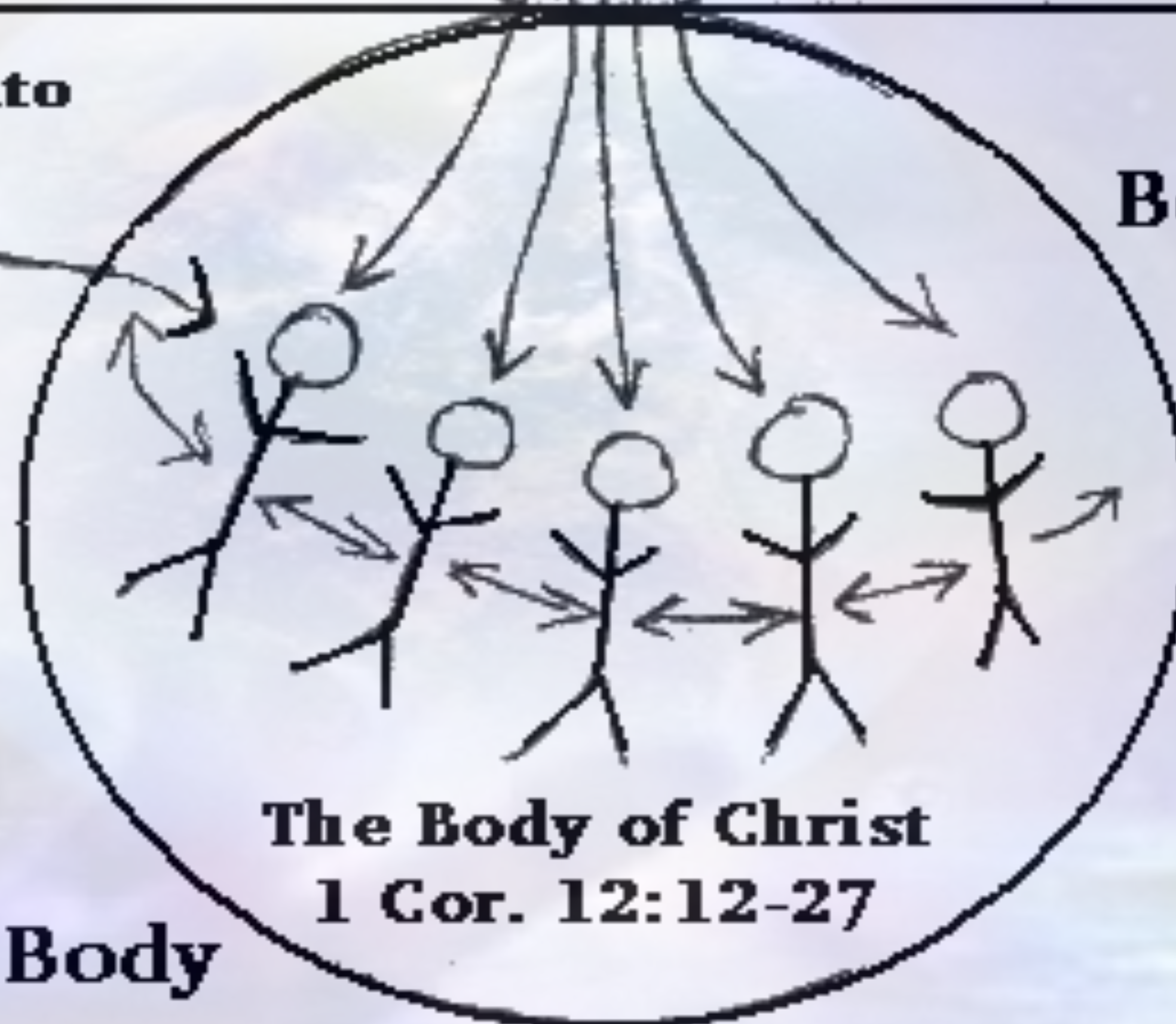
**Saving  
Faith**

1 Cor. 12:13

**The  
Cross**



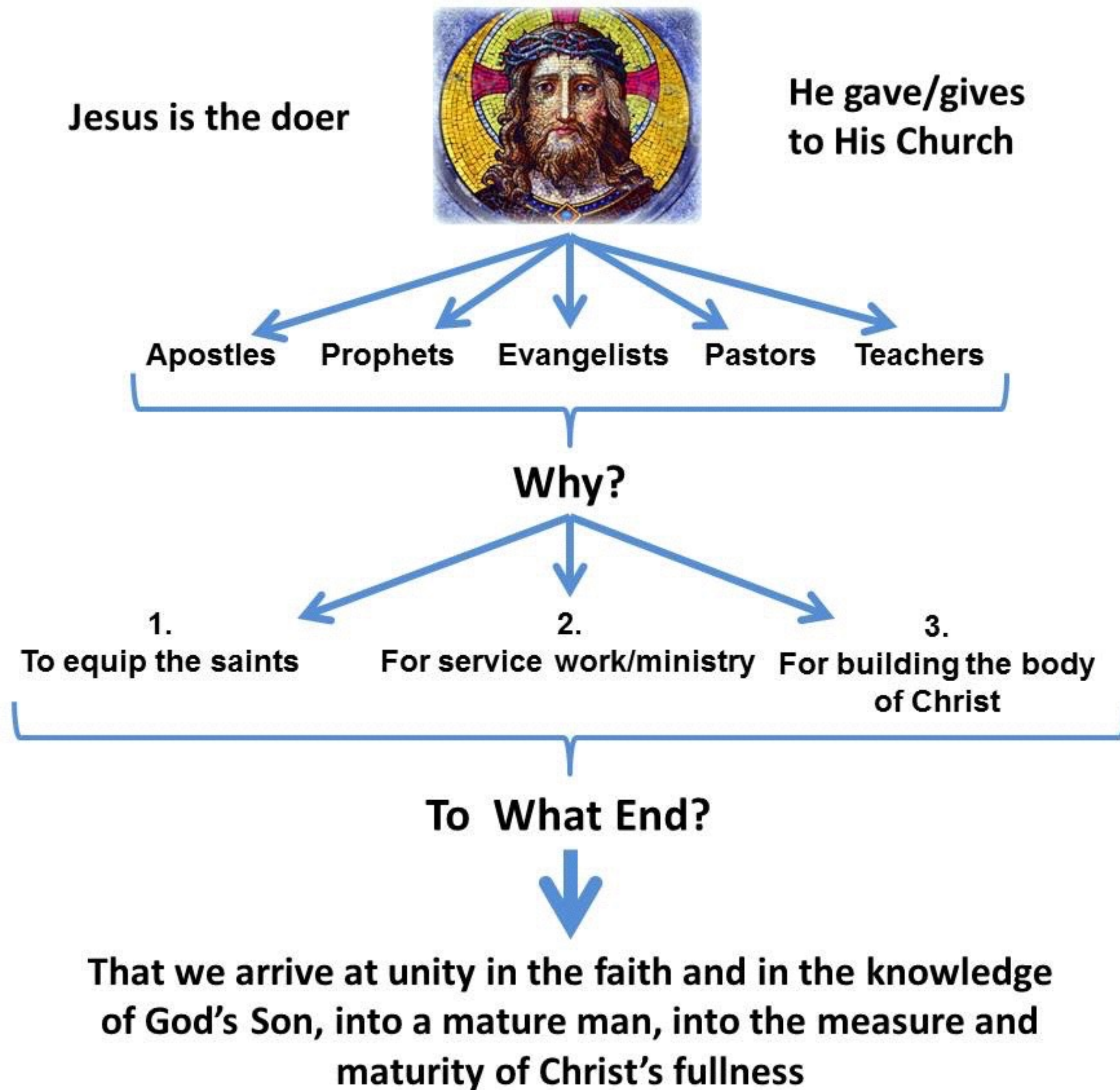
**The Lost  
Sinner  
(Rom.  
3:10-23)**



**The Body  
is  
ON EARTH**



## Ephesians 4:11-13 Explained in Picture Format



And he gave some, apostles;  
and some, prophets;  
and some, evangelists;  
and some, pastors and teachers;  
For the perfecting of the saints,  
for the work of the ministry,  
for the edifying of the body of Christ:  
Till we all come in the unity of the faith,  
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
unto a perfect man, unto the measure  
of the stature of the fulness of Christ.



# How the body works

- The key goal for the body is endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in peace.
- Each part of the body be equipped to function as it should
- Recognise the value of each part/member as a joint that supplies to the body's growth and increase: interdependence
- All is based on unconditional love of God
- The goal is to grow in unity

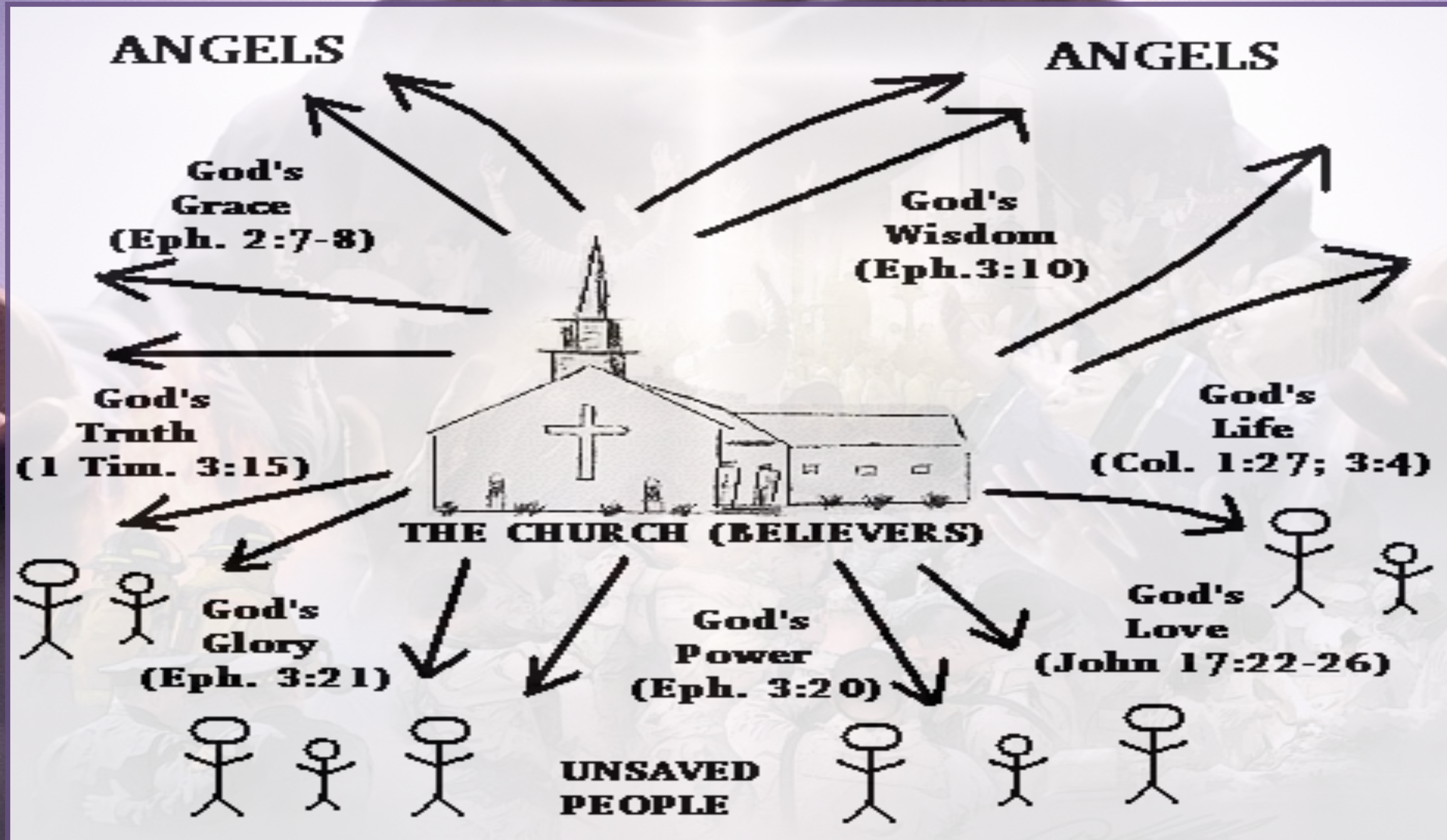
## BODY BUILDERS

Christ's Plan for Building His Body

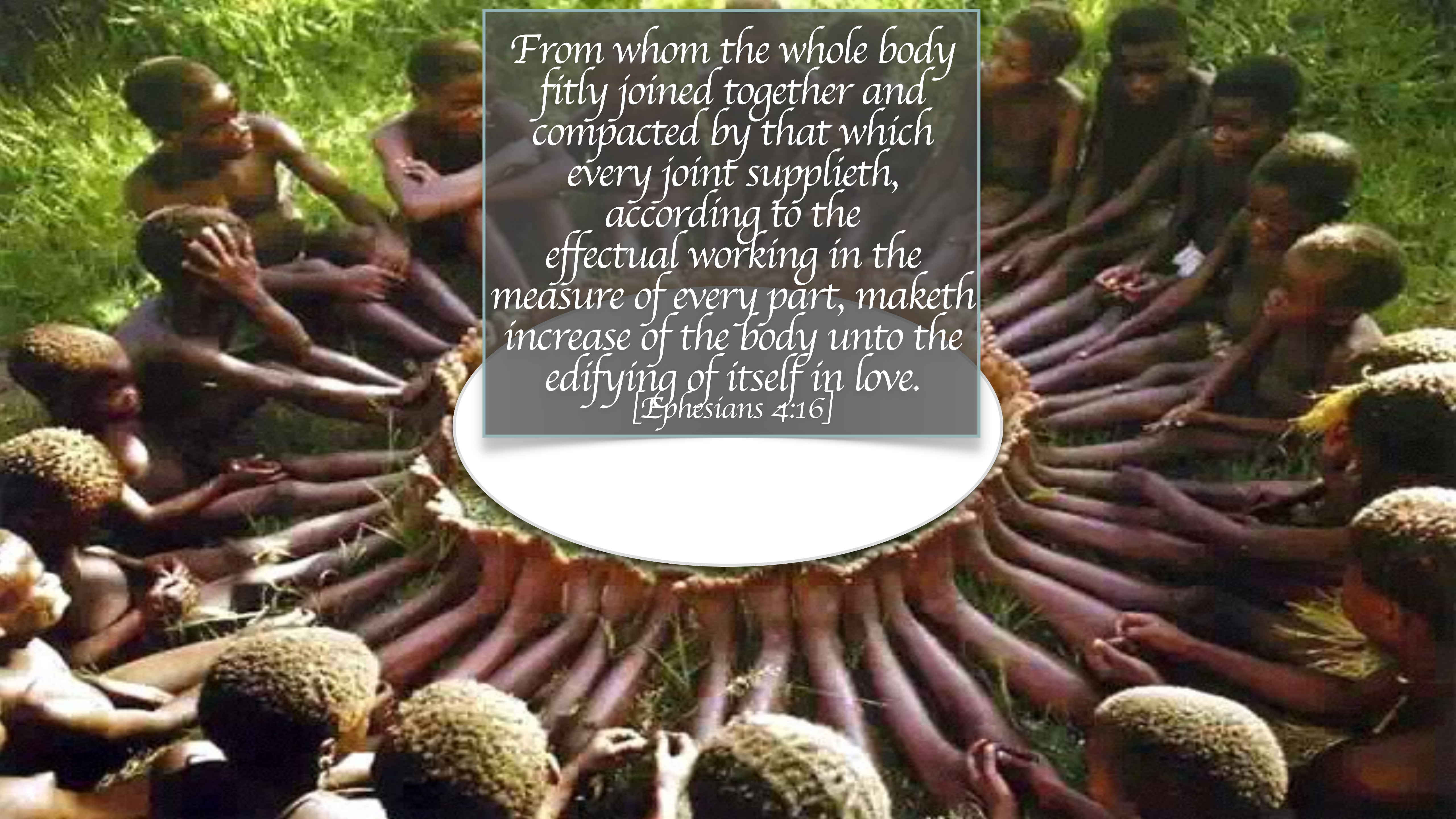
Ephesians



# THE BELIEVERS DOING THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY



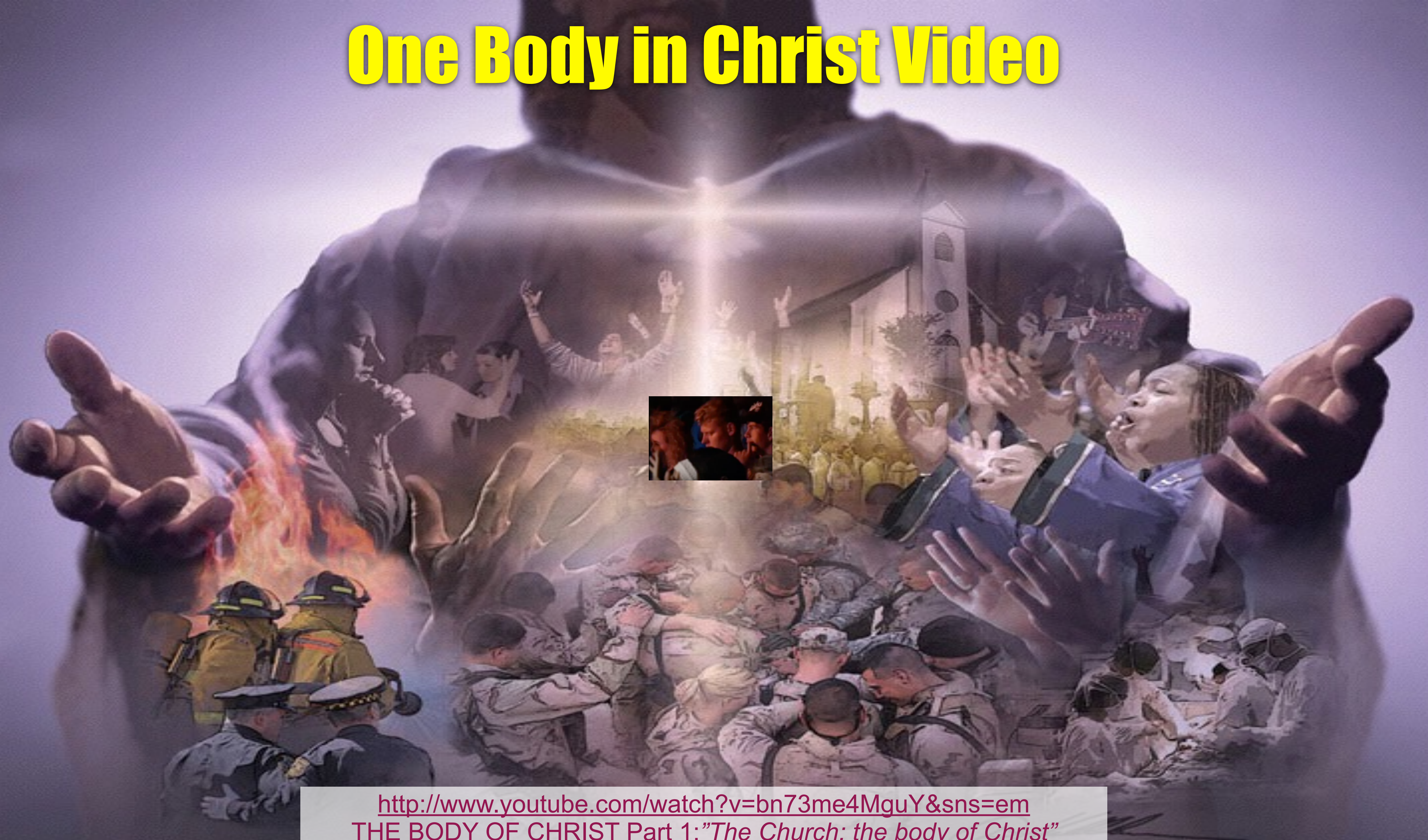


A photograph of a group of indigenous people, likely from a tribe in Africa, sitting in a large circle on a grassy field. They are dressed in traditional attire, including beaded necklaces and headbands. The scene is captured from a high angle, showing the circular arrangement of the group. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the center of the image.

*From whom the whole body  
fitly joined together and  
compacted by that which  
every joint supplieth,  
according to the  
effectual working in the  
measure of every part, maketh  
increase of the body unto the  
edifying of itself in love.  
[Ephesians 4:16]*



# One Body in Christ Video



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn73me4MguY&sns=em>  
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# THE END

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