

WE ARE THE BODY!

Colossians 1:18-24; Ephesians 4:11-16

- I. THE BODY IS COMPOSED OF MANY MEMBERS
(Colossians 1:18)—*and He is the head of the body, the church...*
 - A. Called by the Lord (v. 18)—*the church*
 - B. Commanded by the Lord (v. 18)—*He is the head of the body...*
- II. THE BODY IS GROWING INTO CHRIST-LIKE MATURITY (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - A. The Body Must Be Energized by the Lord (Colossians 1:18)—*who is the beginning...*
 - B. The Body Must Be Equipped by the Leaders (Ephesians 4:11-12)—*and some pastors and teachers; for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*
 - C. The Body Must Be Edified by Love (Ephesians 4:16)—*for the edifying of itself in love.*
- III. THE BODY IS ASSIGNED ONLY ONE MISSION (Colossians 1:20-29)—*to reconcile all things to Himself*

The Body is utilized to bring about...

- A. Reconciliation through Serving (vv. 23, 25-26)
- B. Reconciliation through Suffering (v. 24)