



Welcome to the

# Worland church of Christ

*We strive to call Bible things by Bible names.*

*We strive to do Bible things in Bible ways.*

*We strive to 'speak' where the Bible speaks.*

*We strive to 'be silent' where the Bible is silent.*





It was not the  
Nails that kept

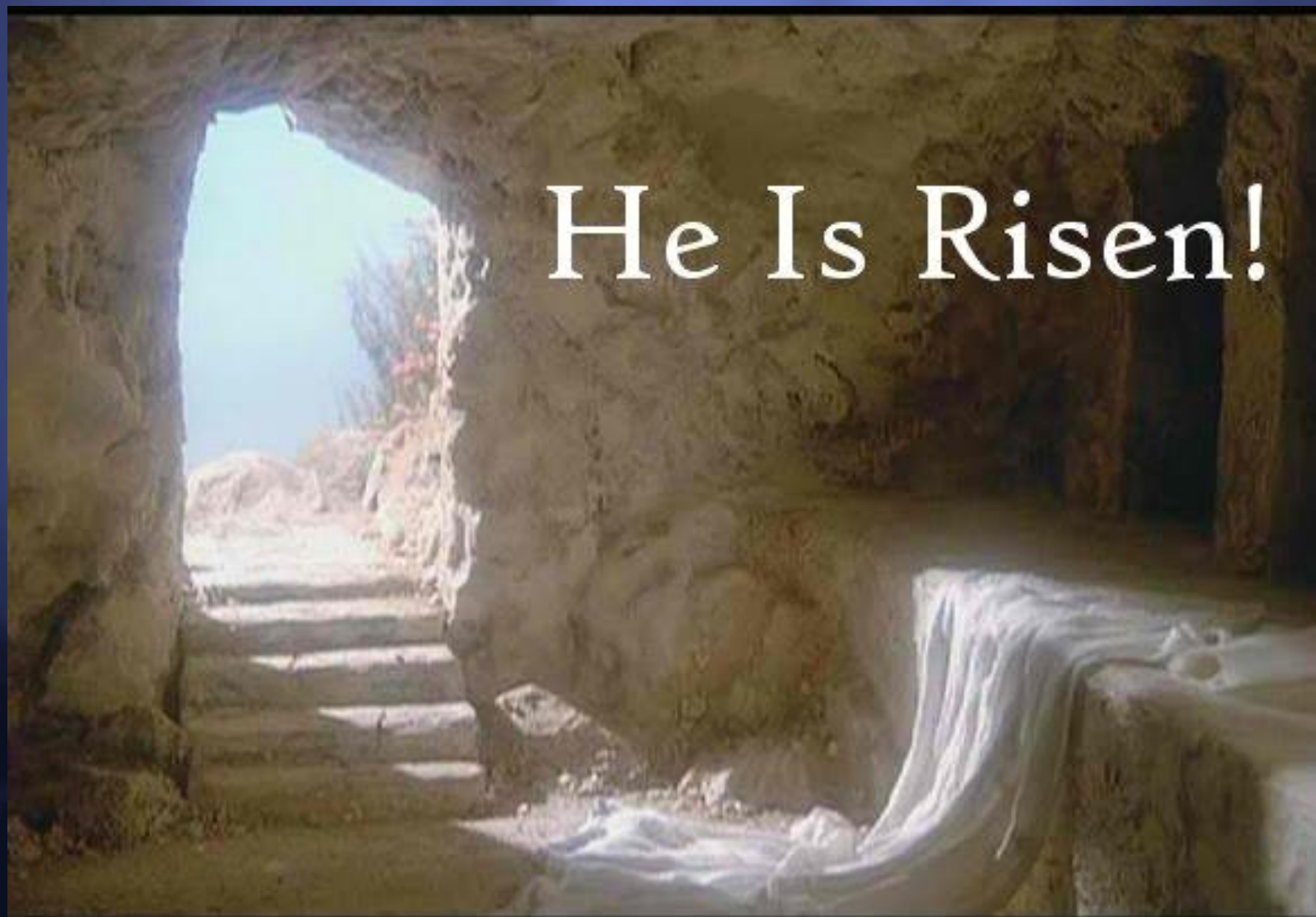
*Jesus*

On the cross, it was  
his great **love** for **me**





He Is Risen!



**Good Morning church**

*We are So Glad that  
You are Here*



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**Some Numbers have great  
significance.**



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**Several of the men and women  
have received a  
# like this...**

**# 7**

**There are a lot of #'s that  
have become famous!**

**# 23**

**Mickey  
Mantle**

**John  
Elway**

**# 24**

**Kobe  
Bryant**

**Michael  
Jordan**



Numbers usually indicate that

**One is a 'part'.....**

Of something

**A Unit**

**A Team**

**A Patrol**

**A Crew**

**A congregation / church**

...Now we don't use #'s but we are ever so much a

**'a part' of the 'whole'**

**God's Team**

**The church**

**Romans 12:3 begins with a  
‘Warning’.**



*Romans 12:3*

***”For by the grace given me I  
say to every one of you:***

***Do not think of yourself more  
highly than you ought,***

***rather think of yourself with  
sober judgment, in accordance  
with the measure of faith God  
has given you”.***

**In Rom. 12:1-2 we discovered the  
Reason for God's Motivation for us to  
'Offer ourselves as a Living Sacrifice'**

**Simply put it is because of God's Mercy**

**Which brought Grace**

**Which brought Salvation**



**Our Section of Scripture today  
Deals with what God wants the**

**body / church**

**To Do & Be...**

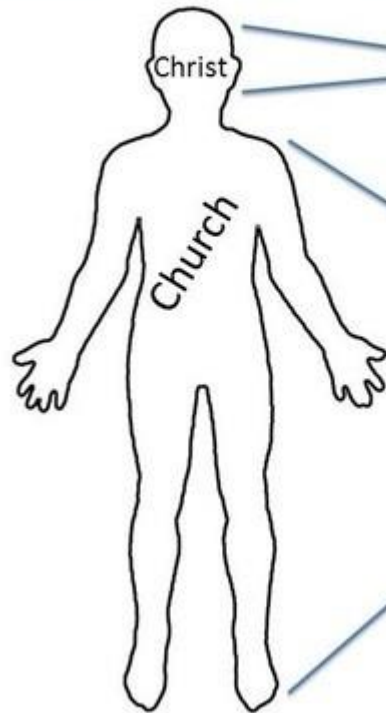
**Romans 12:3-8**

***Romans 12:4***

***<sup>4</sup> Just as each of us has one  
body with many members,  
and these members do not all  
have the same function,***



## Bible Picture of Christ's Body



One Head

Christ is head of the church;  
and He is the Savior of the  
body (Eph. 5:23).

One Body

...and gave Him as head  
over all things to the  
church, which is His body...  
(Eph. 1:22-23).

# Part of a Body

# Bible Picture of Christ's Body

## One Head

Ephesians 5:23

<sup>23</sup> *For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.*

## One Body

Ephesians 1:22-23

<sup>22</sup> *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*



# Part of a Team

....I think Bible Study  
Is a little like Practice

....In Bible class we  
Can learn the Plays

Up for Pract



.....or **Exercise the Body, to keep  
It in Shape**

**We are Part of His Body.....& it should show!**

**Most of you know what Paul instructed Timothy  
and thus all who preach....**

**”Preach *“be prepared”* on  
*and out of season with patience and*  
**encourage-with great patience and careful**  
***instruction.”*****

*2 Timothy 4:2*

**It is not a ‘good look’ when  
the teams members  
Don’t Prepare ....**



Part of the reason for **Bible Classes** &  
other **'Services'** are designed for, to keep our  
spiritual lives working properly.



# Priorities

**Our spiritual bodies** need  
**Therapy,  
Instruction,  
and Exercise.**

**...now back to our text Rom.12:3**

**In View of that.....Salvation via Grace – Rom. 12:1-2**

**....don't get 'cocky'**

..

*An honest assessment of our own capabilities, without conceit and without false modesty, is one of the first essentials of a useful life. Barclay*

....."th

... judgment"

**..." in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."**



....why?...because we are a 'Part'  
Of something 'Bigger' than ourselves.

*Romans 12:4-5*

*12:4 For as in **one body** we have  
many members, and the members  
do not all have the same function,*

*<sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are  
**one body in Christ**, and  
individually members one of  
another.*

I don't think we get the right Idea sometimes  
when Paul mentions the **'Body'** here.

**I know we understand that  
The Body & the church are one in the same....**

*Colossians 1:18*  
**....”And he is the head of  
the body, the church.....”**

*Ephesians 1:22-23*  
**1:22 ... “and gave him as head over all  
things to the church, which is his  
body,....”**

**...but let's another look at....**

*Ephesians 3:10-11*  
**3:10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of  
God might now be made known** *to the rulers and authorities in  
the heavenly places.*

**11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he  
has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,**



**This is - who We Are**

That **church**

**Jesus said**

**Matt. 16:18**

**‘He would Build’**

**....and that church**

**He purchased**

**Acts 20:28**

**With His Blood**



**This 'idea' of the 'body' or the 'church'...**

Is **really BIG** in the eyes of God

**REALLY BIG**

*Ephesians 3:10-11*

3:10 **so that through the church .....**

***This was according to the eternal purpose***

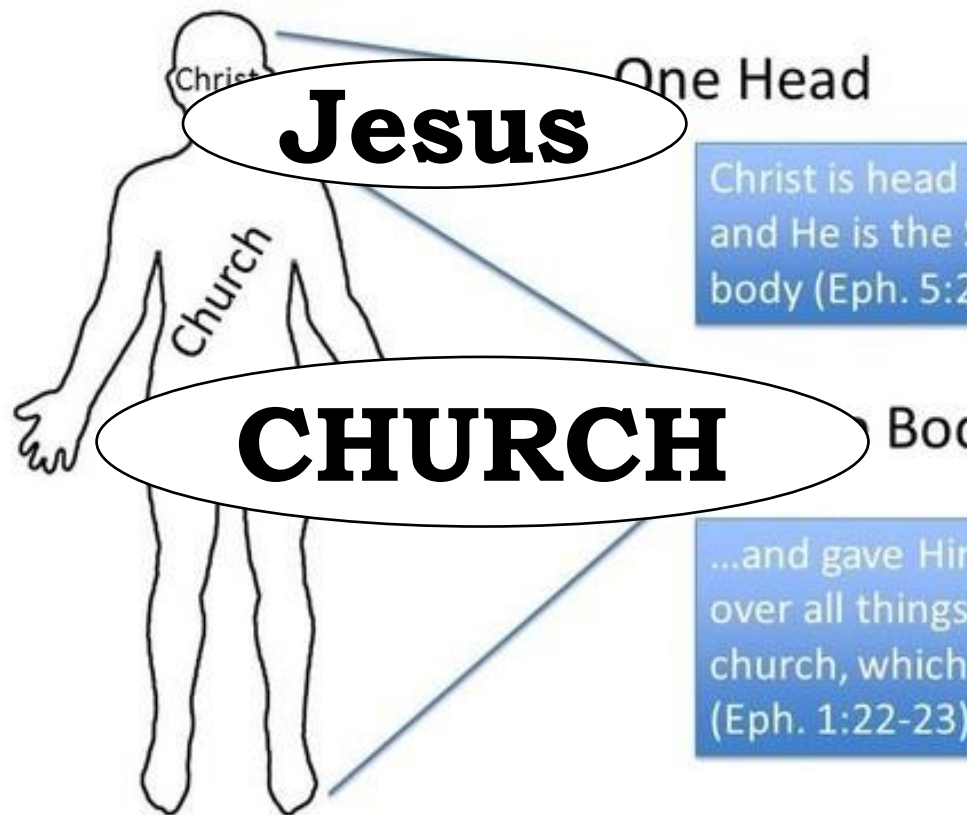
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***realized in Christ Jesus***  
***our Lord,***

***In Christ we who are many form one body.***

**Romans 12:4-8**

## **Bible Picture of Christ's Body**



This certainly indicates some kind of

## Activity / Action

On our part as His Body / church

*Romans 12:4-5*

12:4 *For as in one body **we have many members**, and  
the members*

***do not all have the same function,***

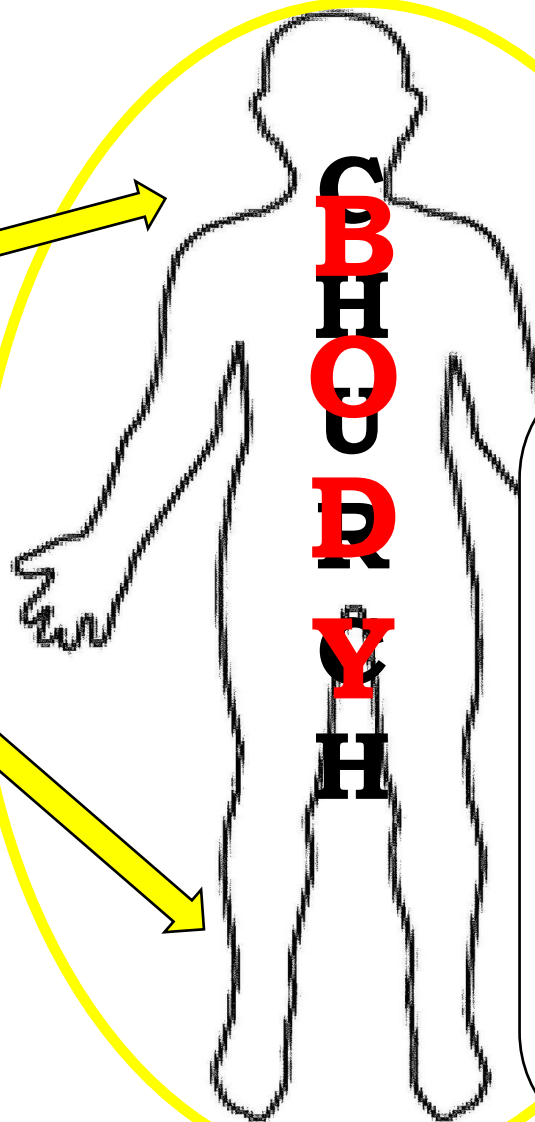
5 *so we, though members of the same body, and individually*

***function***

1 Cor 12:8-10, 28-30; Eph 4:11; and 1 Pet 4:10-11.

## Christ Is The Head

Rom.12:4 **Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,**

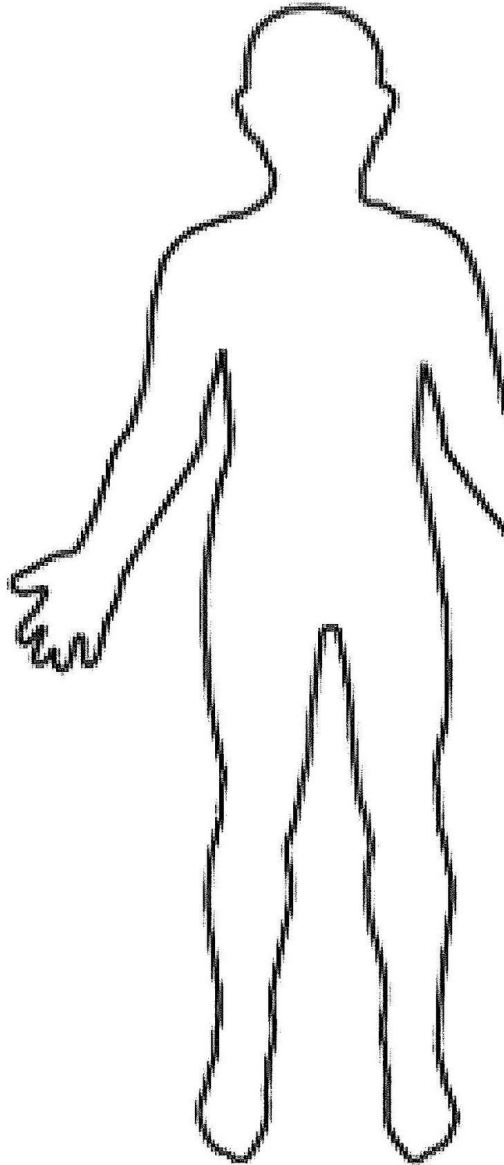


Col. 1:18  
"And he is the head of the body, the church; ..."

Rom.12:5 **so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others**



**God elaborates on this picture in I Cor.**



*1 Corinthians 12:12-13*

**12:12 *The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.***

**13 *For we were all baptized by one Spirit***

***into one body—***

***whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.***

1 Corinthians 12:14-17

12:14 Now the **body is not made up of one part but of many.**



<sup>15</sup> If the **foot** should say, "Because I am not a **hand**, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.



<sup>16</sup> And if the **ear** should say, "Because I am not an **eye**, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.



<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an **eye**, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

Now...back to our text...we see How God wants us to

**Function....Action**

*Romans 12:6-8*

12:6 **We have different gifts,** according to the grace given us.

*If a man's gift is **prophesying**, let him use it in proportion to his faith.*

*<sup>7</sup> If it is **serving**, let him serve; if it is **teaching**, let him teach;*

*<sup>8</sup> if it is **encouraging**, let him encourage;*

*if it is **contributing** to the needs of others, let him give generously;*

*if it is **leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is **showing mercy**, let him do it cheerfully.*

1. If a man's gift is **prophesying**

“Tell”

The Story

Prophecy  
*fore-tell*  
*cannot be*

primarily,  
*at which*  
[Matt. 26:68](#),

It is the ***forth-telling of the will of God***, whether with reference to the past, the present, or the future,  
(Vine's)



## 2. If it is **serving**

# “Serve”

*Diakonia* - = Deacon – to serve to the needs of others,  
sometimes domestic, (Martha) Lu. 10:40, Acts 6:1 1  
Corinthians 12:5

***There are different kinds of service (Diakonia), but  
the same Lord.***

**Meeting the needs of others.....**





### 3. *If it is teaching*

# “Teach”

***Didaskō*** = “to give instruction,

*“Matthew 22:16*

They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know you are a man of integrity and that ***you teach*** the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are.

(Vine's)

## 4. If it is “Encourage”

***Parakaleō*** = The most frequent use is “***to call to one's side,***” It is used for every kind of calling to a person which is meant to produce a particular **(positive) effect,** (Vines)

**Mark 5:18; Acts 8:31; Acts 19:31; 1 Cor. 16:12**



**5. If it is contributing to the needs of others**

## **“Share”**

**Metadidōmi** = "to give a share of, impart" (meta, "with"), as distinct from "giving." The Apostle Paul speaks of "sharing" some spiritual gift with Christians at Rome, [Rom. 1:11](#), "that I may impart," and exhorts those who minister in things temporal, to do so as "sharing," and that generously, [Rom. 12:8](#), (Vine's)

**6. *If it is***

**“Lead”**

**Proistēmi = To stand before, i.e. (in rank) to *preside*, or (by implication) to *practise* :- maintain, be over, rule. (Strong's)**



## ***7. If it is*** “**Show Mercy**”

**Eleeō** = “**to have mercy** (*eleos*, “mercy”), to show kindness, by beneficence, or assistance

*Matthew 18:33*

***Shouldn't you have had **mercy** on your fellow servant just as I had on you?***





**This section is all about encouraging us to  
USE our Talents / abilities.**

**...if we have not figured out what your talent is by this  
time...40 - 60 - 80 years.....**

**we must be really a slow learners.**

**Let's Be Honest...**

**How are we doing?**

**Using our Talents?**

**Do we spent more time excusing ourselves  
than actually using our abilities?**

**Do we spend more energy in explaining why we  
Can not do something that actually doing it?**

**Are we wrapped up in ‘false humility’?**

**OR**

**‘Productive  
Part of the Body’?**

**Let's get specific....God does....**

**...are You...**

**Teaching....?**

**Serving...?**

**Encouraging...?**

**Giving?**

**Leading...?**

**Showing Mercy...?**



**Let's not forget where we started ....chap 12**

*Romans 12:1*

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that you **present your bodies a living  
sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God,  
**which is your reasonable service.***

**..so our “reasonable Service”..**



**..so our reasonable Service**

**Is to Teach**

**Is to Serve**

**Doing  
Something**

**Is to En**

**Give**

**Is to Lead**

**Is to Show Mercy**





**This section is mainly aimed at the**

**Body**

**Should be involved.**

**So....the question is.....**

**Am I?**





We sing a song with these words.

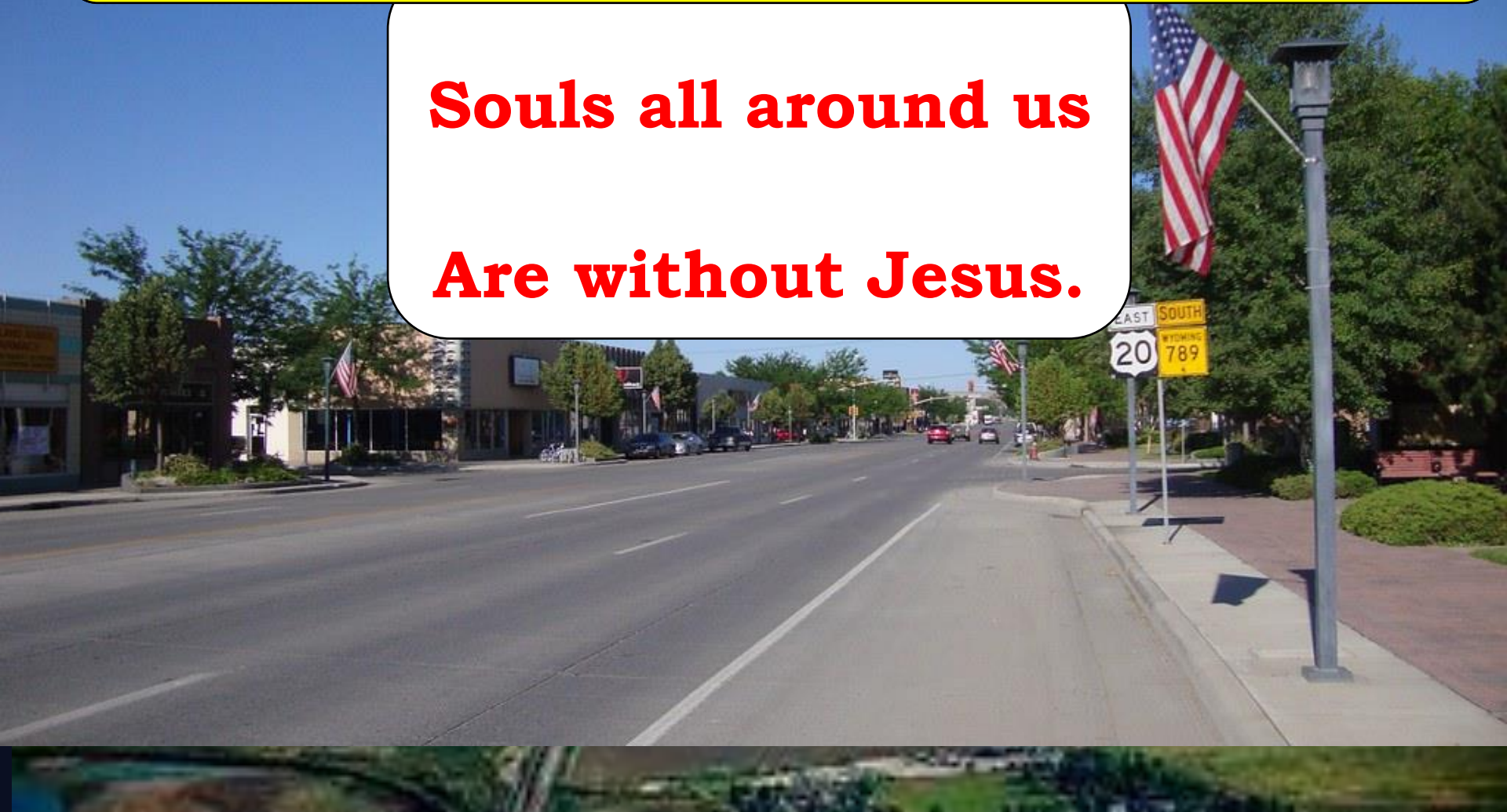
*“There is much to do,  
there’s work on every hand, Hark! The cry comes  
ringing thro the Land;  
Jesus calls for reapers, I must active be,  
What wilt thou,  
O Master?  
Here am I, send me*

**The body / church here  
is Worland  
Has Much to Do**



# How are YOU Functioning????

**Souls all around us  
Are without Jesus.**

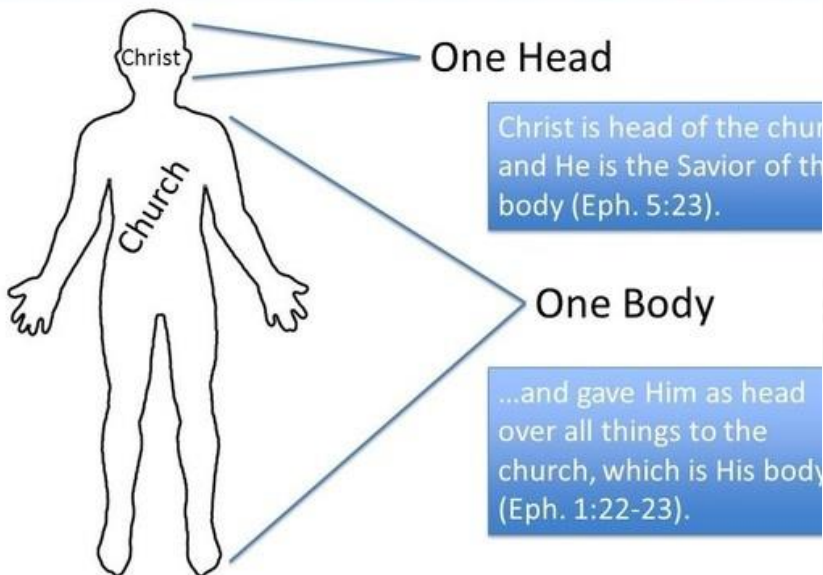




# Being Part of the BODY /CHURCH

...and Our Eternal Purpose is to

**Function**



**..maybe YOU have been  
'setting on the sidelines'**

**..maybe YOU have been letting others  
Do YOUR Work or ALL the work....**

**...maybe you have NOT  
Been Functioning as God wants.....**

**I hope & Pray You will be  
moved by this  
Section of God's Holy Word...**





**..and will make the Decision**

**To become an  
Active Part of  
The BODY**

**REMEMBER....**



**This is “Our reasonable Service”.**

**Is to Teach**

**Is to Serve**

**Is to Encourage**

**Is to Give**

**Is to Lead**

**Is to Show Mercy**

**Priorities**

**The Lesson  
Is Yours**

**...But the Results..  
Are up to YOU**

**Put God 1st**



