

4. Diversity and Unity

A. Gifts (12:1-31)

1) Foundation of life in the church is the Lordship of Jesus Christ (12:1-3)

Spiritual body life comes when Jesus is _____ of the Body

Lordship comes by the working of the _____ in the life of individuals

2) Variety and unity in the Church (12:4-6)

Variety	Same

3) Variety comes from the same Spirit (12:7-11)

a) Spiritual enabling comes individually from the same Spirit (12:7)

b) The gifts (12:8-10)

Spiritual Gifts	
<i>1 Cor 12:7-11</i>	<i>1 Cor 12:28</i>
Word of wisdom	Apostles
Word of knowledge	Prophets
Faith	Teachers
Gifts of healing	Miracles
Effecting of miracles	Gifts of healings
Prophecy	Helps
Distinguishing of spirits	Administrations
Various kinds of tongues	Various kinds of tongues
Interpretation of tongues	
<i>Romans 12:6-8</i>	<i>Ephesians 4:11</i>
Prophecy	Apostles
Service	Prophets
Teaching	Evangelists
Exhortations	Pastor-teachers
Giving	
Leading	
Mercy	

c) The Spirit is behind it all (12:11)

Hebrews 2:4

4) Variety and Unity Illustrated (12:12-26)

a) We are all one body in the church (12:12-13)

b) We are all different members of the one body (12:14-21)

c) Matters of honor (12:22-26)

5) Variety prioritized (12:27-28)

Ephesians 2:20

- 6) No one has all the gifts (12:29-30)
- 7) We should desire the greater gifts (12:31)

8) Application:

B. Love (13:1-13)

- 1) Absolute _____ of love (cf. 12:31)
- 2) Absence of love (13:1-3)
 - a) Eloquent _____
 - b) Prophecy, mysteries & knowledge, special faith → miraculous
 - c) Generous _____
- 3) Description of love (13:4-7)
 - a) Patient
 - b) Kind
 - c) Not jealous
 - d) Does not brag
 - e) Is not arrogant
 - f) Does not act unbecomingly
 - g) Does not seek its own
 - h) Is not provoked
 - i) Does not take into account a wrong suffered
 - j) Does not rejoice in unrighteousness
 - k) Rejoices with the truth
 - l) Bears all things
 - m) Believes all things
 - n) Hopes all things
 - o) Endures all things.

4) Love surpasses all gifts. (13:8-13)

a) Love never _____

b) Other gifts will fail (not continue on)

c) When “perfect” comes, the partial will be _____ (12:10-12)

d) The three greatest things are those which abide (12:13)

(1) Three things abide – _____, _____, _____

(2) Greatest of these three – _____

(3) AGAPE:

John 3:16

5) Application: