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# A New Breed

You are the body of Christ **Jerry D. Brown** 

Have you ever wondered just what is the body of Christ? Some may conjure up a thought of a dead body, one that was hung on a tree. Others may imagine a mystical building, decorated with ornate objects. Yet others will scratch their heads and ask, "why do you want to know?"

The Word of God declares that the believer is the body of Christ.

(1 Cor 12:27) Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

If this is true, then Christianity stands to take on a whole new meaning. You, the believer, are the body of Christ. If there were only one Christian in the whole world, that one Christian would be the body of Christ. If there are 10,000,000 Christians, they all comprise the body of Christ. Well, where is Christ now? He is seated in the heavenlies, at the right hand of the throne of God.

> (Heb 12:2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand **of the throne** of God.



### You are sacred. You are holy. You are righteous. But do you believe it?

This same Jesus, the man who radiated God to the world, the man who died for mankind, the man who was buried for 3 days and 3 nights, the man who was raised from the dead, the man who went and witnessed to the imprisoned spirits, the man who preached to the dead, the man who led captivity captive, the man who ascended up on high to the throne of God, the man who gave gifts unto men - this same man now sits at the right hand of God! That's where he is right now. He is not walking around your town, your office, your school, or anywhere else in the world. He is seated in the heavenlies at God's right side.

Who is walking through the pathways of the world today? You are, in Christ's stead! This is why you being the body of Christ is so

ultimate and powerful. He can't be here, but you can. He can't walk down your streets, but you can. He can't speak God's Word to those in need, but you can. You are his body; you are the body of Christ now!

> (Rom 7:4) Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the **body of Christ;** that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Get hooked up with Christ! I love the phrase "become dead to the law by the body of Christ." Read it a thousand times. You are the body of Christ and the old stuff, the Old Testament Law can't do a thing for you today. You are become dead to it. Why? Because you represent the risen Christ. You are the body of Christ! If we ever want to bring forth fruit unto God, fruits of righteousness, we must get to the place we see and understand that we are the body of Christ and that we are to be joined together to Christ in mind and in spirit.

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Father, he made it to the throne. The prophet Joel taught that if he did, he would be given the gifts of promise. This was Jesus' ultimate goal, to get to that throne. Do you know what? He made it, and when he did, the Father exalted him and gave him the gift of holy spirit, the gift of promise and Christ turned right around and shed it abroad. What joy he had in doing this.

> (Acts 2:33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost [the gift: holy spirit], he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Christ is the administrator of the gift now. He gives it out freely to every one that asks. Can you imagine if he refused one single soul what a calamity it would cause? No matter who comes and asks, he receives. The cause of Christ has never been and never will be thwarted. God wanted a new race, a new breed of men on the face of the earth, and that newness is enabled by the gift Christ shed abroad. His are to be kingly men, princely men, and mighty men, men of renown.

Friends, if you are born again and have been baptized in holy spirit, you are the body of Christ. And if you are the body of Christ, you should act like it, live like it, and talk like it every day of your lives. You are a new breed! Love in Christ,

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