1 Corinthians – “One In Christ”

 Session #12 – Chapter 12 - “Spiritual Gifts”

A. REVISITING OUR PREVIOUS STUDY: 1 Corinthians 1-11

C1 –4: The Gospel message of the cross is the basis for unity in the

 Church and the credentials of an Apostle.

C5–11: Unity of faith around the Gospel message guides the way

 followers of Christ live the message together. Self-discipline

 guides the choices that balance rights, freedom and behavior.

 Such choices foster unity in the Church. They also provide help

 in resisting temptation to make choices detrimental to unity,

 including choices regarding the way we worship.

B. OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION – Chapter 12

 “Spiritual Gifts”

1. To define the nature of spiritual gifts are and their source.

2. To learn the proper use of spiritual gifts.

C. READ THE WORD – 1 Corinthians 12 – *New International Version*

D. STUDY THE WORD – “Spiritual Gifts”

1. PART1: V 1-11 – The blessing of spiritual gifts. Key Verse: 7

“To each the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the good of all.”

a. What are spiritual gifts?

b. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

c. How many gifts are there?

d. How are spiritual gifts distributed?

2. PART2: V12-31 – The God-pleasing use of spiritual gifts.

 Key Verse: 27 – “You are each a part of the body of Christ.”

a. How do our bodies illustrate the function and use of spiritual gifts?

b. What is the common goal that unites us in the use of spiritual gifts?

E. THEWORD FOR ME

God bestows spiritual gifts to enable us to serve him and the needs of others. The greater gifts are those that most fulfill this Godly purpose.

No gift is intended as a path to self-advancement or power over others, but rather a means to involve ourselves with their lives.