

The Church - His Body

by G.W. North

The church must function according to apostolic instruction and the Holy Spirit's order, with spiritual gifts expressing the perfect love of Christ.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4

Topics: "The Body of Christ", "Spiritual Gifts"

Description

G.W. North emphasizes that the Apostle Paul provided the correct forms of Church worship and function, which must be adhered to for a church to be both biblical and spiritual. He asserts that the Church should be a true expression of Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit's outlined order in Scripture. North highlights the importance of spiritual gifts as essential for the Church to function effectively, as they are meant to express Christ's love. He stresses that these gifts, when used properly, represent the highest form of worship and service. Ultimately, the Church is called to embody the love of Christ through its actions and ministry.

Transcript

We may be sure then that Paul delivered to us the correct forms of Church worship and gathering and function. Whatever may be assumed otherwise is neither of inspiration nor of apostolic instruction. Therefore to be both biblical and spiritual a church must function according to the form of gathering, worship and ministry outlined in chapter 14. In any locality the church, whenever it gathers, must be a true expression, if not the fullest replica, of the person of Christ. It is precisely for this reason that the Holy Spirit has outlined this order for us.

Christ still wishes to function in His Body the Church on earth in this same gloriously simple way, but this is totally impossible except by means of the gifts faithfully recorded by Paul for our information in chapter 12.

There can be no doubt that the Lord intends every one of these gifts to operate today. The same perfect love in which He ever abode and worked among men still fills His heart. It is no surprise then that in chapter 13 He majors upon this love, for the gifts are meant to be the expression of that love. Being properly held and used, they are the highest form of worship, the greatest means of service and the most patent expression of self-sacrifice of which the Church is capable, apart from martyrdom.

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/gw-north/the-church-his-body/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net