

## **“FIT TOGETHER BY THE HOLY SPIRIT”**

### GOD’S BEAUTIFUL PUZZLE:

- The church; unity with diversity (Eph. 4:11-16).
- One purpose ... to reflect Christ to this world (Jn. 17:20-23).
- Jesus loves the church ... His bride.
- The Holy Spirit’s job is to fit us together to be the church! (1Cor. 12:1-7, 17-21, 27)
  - You are a “part” of the Church, Jesus’ body.
  - You have a “work” to do.
  - You have been given “gifts” to accomplish this work.
  - When you don’t function as your part of the Body and don’t put your gifts to work to help others, you put out the Spirit’s fire in your life.

### EVERYONE IS NEEDED:

- The human body suffers when all the parts are not functioning properly.
- The church most effectively reflects Jesus when every person finds their place (1Cor. 12:12-22, 27).
  - No one is unimportant or expendable in God’s church.
  - There is a healthy interdependency.

### GET TO WORK!

- The Holy Spirit has a work for each of us to do (1Cor. 12:5-7; Eph. 2:10).
- How can you get started?
  - Find out where help is needed.
  - Be willing to serve others.
  - What are your interests, skills and or gifts?
  - Be open to trying new things when opportunities arise.

### USE YOUR GIFTS!

- The Holy Spirit has given you gifts.

- The Holy Spirit decides what gifts you will be given (1Cor. 12:4, 11).
  - Don't be envious of others' gifts.
- These gifts are to be used to serve and help others in the church (1Cor. 12:4-7).
  - They are not a spiritual badge of honor.
- Don't spend too much time trying to figure out your gifts, just start serving and helping others.
  - The Holy Spirit will guide you as you start moving towards serving others.
- You will be held accountable for your gifts.

### TIME TO FIT IN!

- Put all your "excuses" aside. The Bible never makes exceptions in this area.
- If you choose to "keep your distance", you will end up being a misfit.
- You will never fully experience the life and power of the Holy Spirit until you decide to actively fit in to the church.

***True empowerment of the Holy Spirit is released when you take the focus off of self and make it your aim to love and serve others in the church!***