

# We are the Body of Jesus!

The Bible says, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth”* (John 1:1, 14).

The Greeks believed that the flesh was evil and detestable. They strived for knowledge. We call them the Gnostics. These influential Greeks worked to seize control of the Lord's church. John calls them the “antichrist!” They denied that Jesus ever existed in the flesh.

Even today, many have an existential idea that this Jesus is far, far away and not interested in our lives. This is just as wrong as the Gnostic heretics.

The Bible teaches something entirely different. The Bible teaches us that not only was Jesus incarnate in the flesh, he still is. This is true because he still dwells in the flesh upon the earth through us. Even though he left for heaven to sit at the Father's right hand, he left his body behind! Paul says, *“And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all”* (Ephesians 1:22-23). The Hebrew writer says that you and I enter into the *“holy places...through the curtain, that is, through his flesh!”* (Hebrew 10:19-20).

I've been touched by Jesus. When I was just a very small lad and needed a ride to Bible study on Wednesday night, brother Johnny King would pick me up in his brand new 57 Chevy. It had air conditioning! I did not know it then, but I was being touched by Jesus—by a member of his body.

One time when I was preaching in Bangs I was sitting in my office; my heart about to break over a trial I was enduring at the time, and Jesus rode up riding on a BMW motorcycle from Brownwood. He comforted me and prayed with me. It was really brother Ted Kell, but Ted was a member of Jesus' body and he was acting in Jesus' stead.

When mom died members of the body of Jesus in Jal hugged me, comforted me, helped me and loved me. I was touched by his church—by Jesus' body.

Paul reminds us of our part in the body in 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. You and I have the privilege of representing the touch of Jesus himself. We do so as we touch others under the guidance of the Spirit of Jesus. Jesus touches men when we serve them for him. He said *“As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me”* and we do it for Him.

God bless your part in the body of Jesus who came to us in the flesh, and who honors us by letting us have a part in it! Our touch is Jesus' touch. Our flesh belongs to Jesus. What an honor!

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