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# *Metaphors* for the Church

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<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

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## Romans 8:14-17 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.



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<sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

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<sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

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<sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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**3: Each Member of the Body  
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