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# AS WE GROW...SO GROWS THE CONGREGATION

The Bible teaches that the body of Christ is singular in nature. We read: *"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling"* (Eph. 4:4). *"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence"* (Col. 1:18). There is one body and the body is the church, therefore there is one church. This church is the one to which God adds the saved: *"Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* (Acts 2:47). When one is obedient to the Gospel, God adds him or her to the body of the saved. Paul said that Jesus is the Savior of the body (Eph. 5:2 3). Thus, Jesus will save those who are obedient to the Gospel by adding them to the church.

The Bible also reveals the fact that the body is one, but the members are many: *"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another"* (Rom. 12:4-6). The body is composed of many members who have different talents and various ways to help the church. It is the responsibility of each member to grow so the whole body will grow. The member who is not growing as he or she can is hindering the growth of the entire body of Christ. We all need to examine ourselves and see if we are growing as we ought. *David Jones*

