

# One **Body**

(2) Ephesians 4:11-13

Choose His **Kingdom**,  
Journey **Together**




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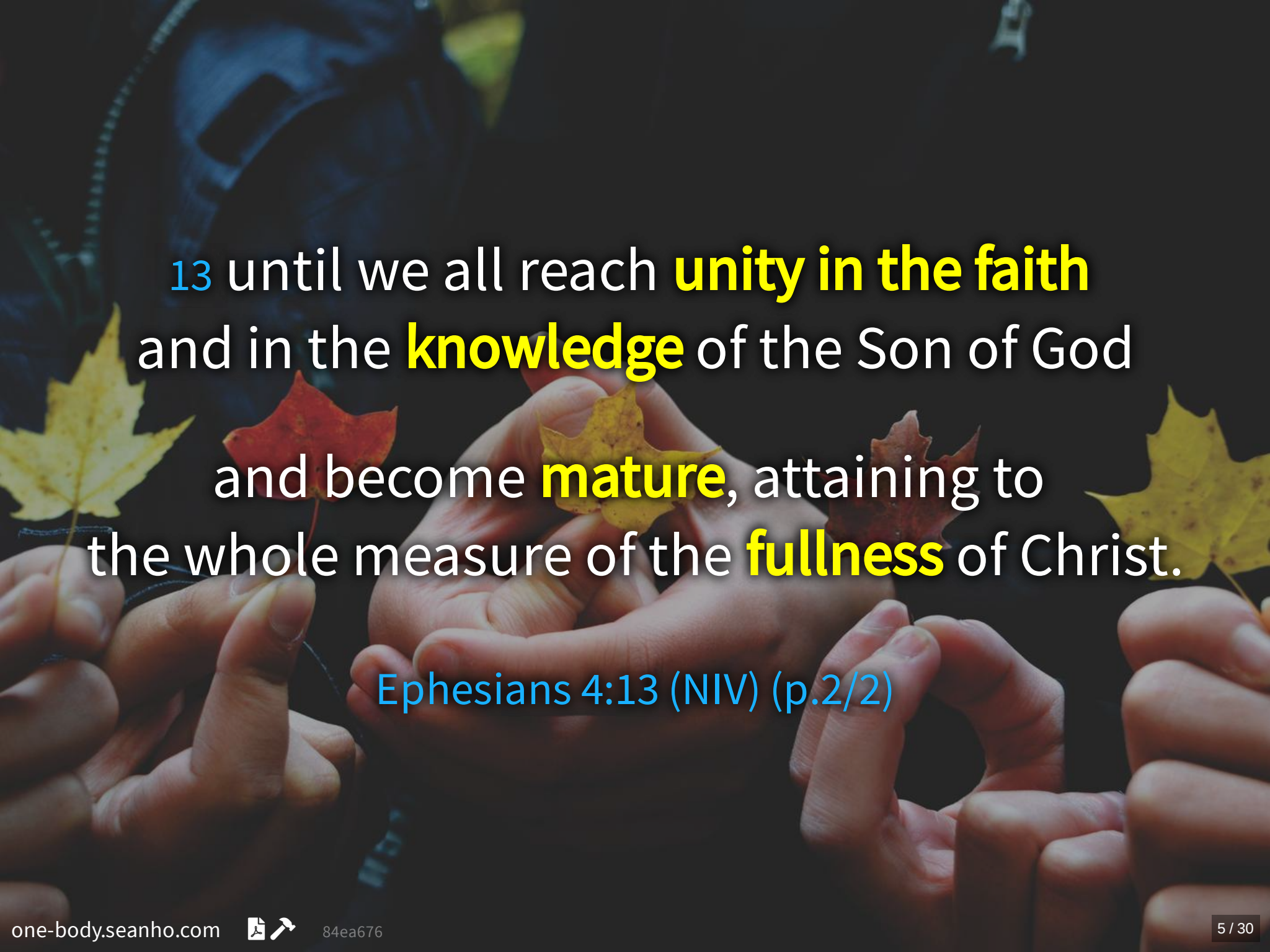
How should a  
**healthy** church  
grow?



A group of hands holding autumn leaves against a dark background. The hands are positioned in a circle, each holding a single leaf. The leaves are in various stages of autumn, with colors ranging from bright yellow to deep red. The background is dark and slightly out of focus, showing some faint patterns and textures.

**11** So Christ himself gave  
the **apostles**, the **prophets**,  
the **evangelists**, the **pastors** and **teachers**,  
**12** to equip his people for **works of service**,  
so that the body of Christ may be **built up**

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV) (p.1/2)

A group of hands holding colorful autumn leaves against a dark background. The hands are positioned around the center, with fingers gently grasping the stems of the leaves. The leaves are in various shades of yellow, orange, and red. The background is dark and slightly out of focus, showing some faint patterns.

13 until we all reach **unity in the faith**  
and in the **knowledge** of the Son of God  
and become **mature**, attaining to  
the whole measure of the **fullness** of Christ.


Ephesians 4:13 (NIV) (p.2/2)



# One Body (Eph4)

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A person wearing a blue button-down shirt over a grey sweater and dark jeans is holding an open book. They are standing in a grassy field with trees in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.


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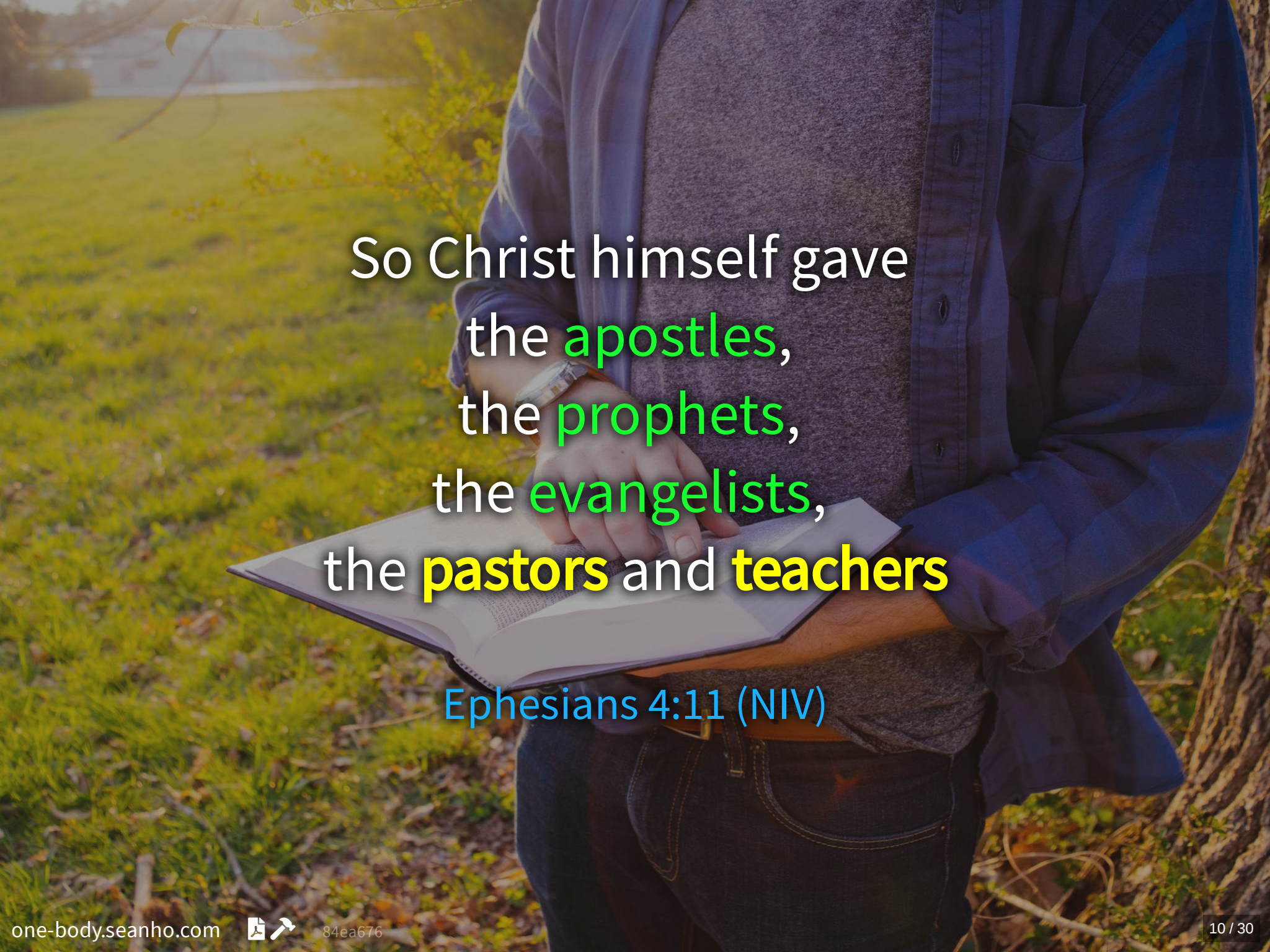
The background features three pink carnations with green stems and leaves. They are placed on a piece of aged, yellowish paper that appears to be a letter. On the left side of the paper, there are two postage stamps: one for 1 Krone and another for 2 Heller. The paper is covered in handwritten text in a cursive script, likely German. The overall scene is set against a light-colored, textured background.

We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**,  
as though God were making his **appeal**  
through us.

We **implore** you on Christ's behalf:  
Be **reconciled** to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)



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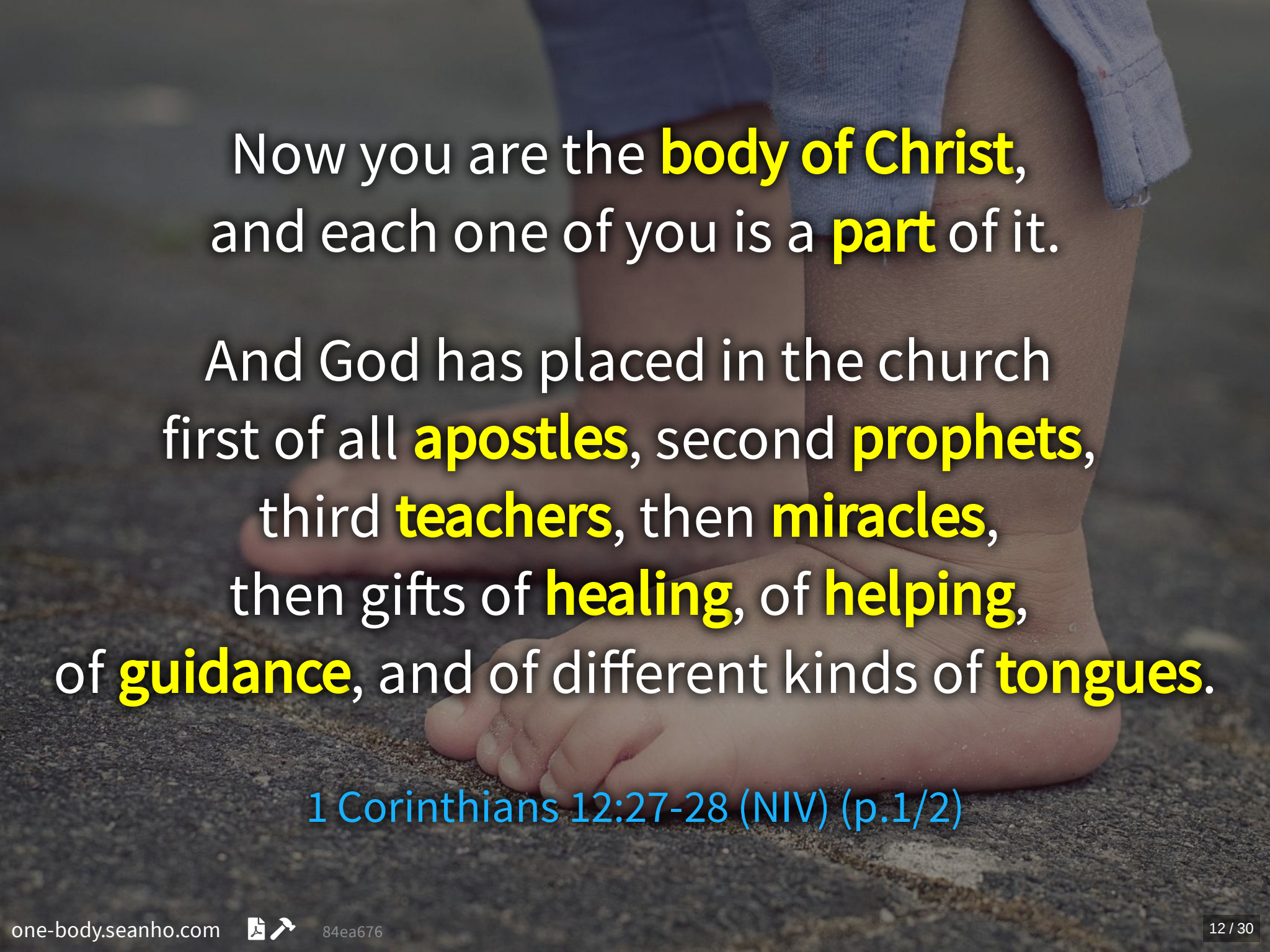




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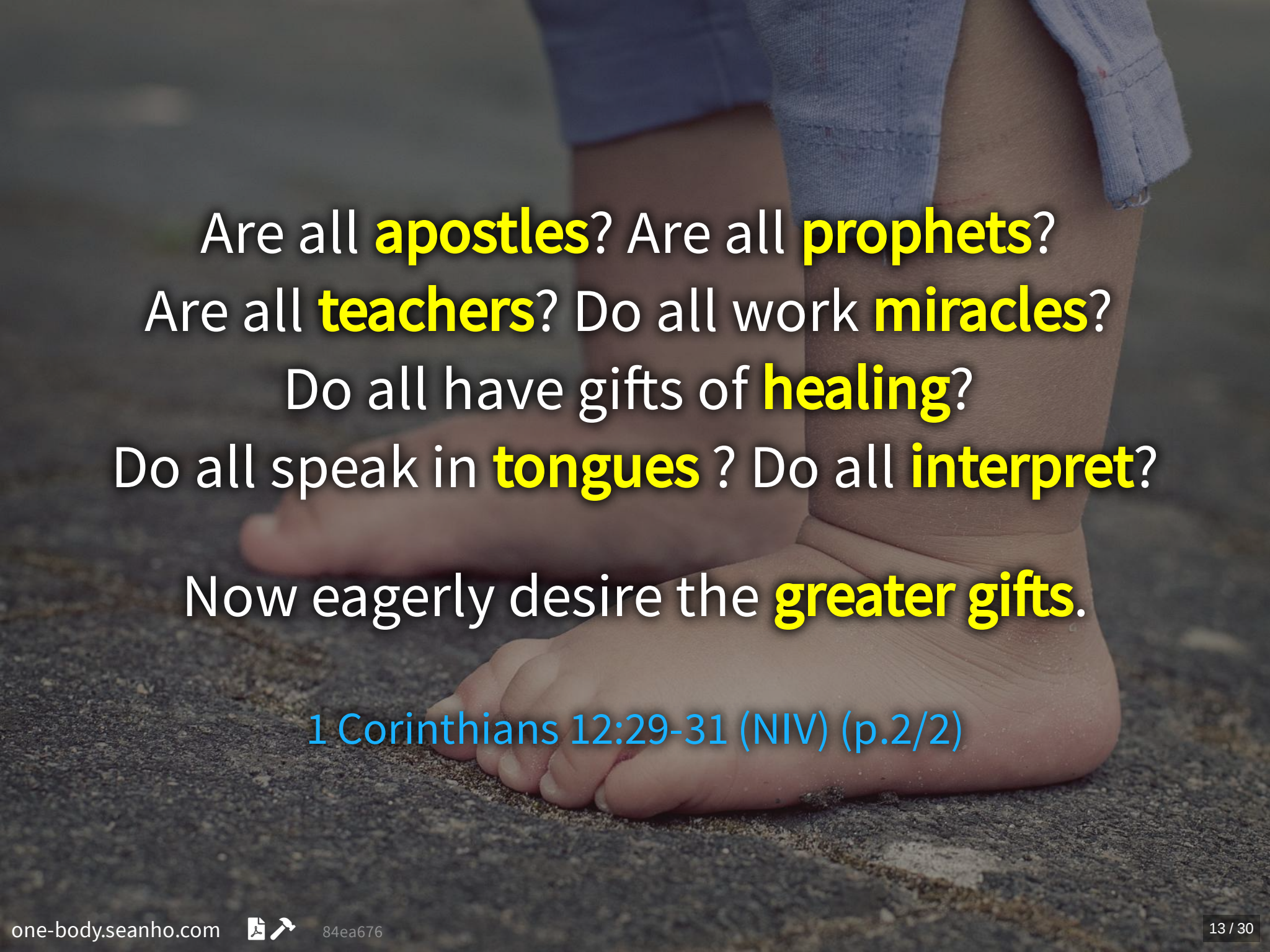


Now you are the **body of Christ**,  
and each one of you is a **part** of it.

And God has placed in the church  
first of all **apostles**, second **prophets**,  
third **teachers**, then **miracles**,  
then gifts of **healing**, of **helping**,  
of **guidance**, and of different kinds of **tongues**.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28 (NIV) (p.1/2)





Are all **apostles**? Are all **prophets**?  
Are all **teachers**? Do all work **miracles**?  
Do all have gifts of **healing**?  
Do all speak in **tongues**? Do all **interpret**?  
Now eagerly desire the **greater gifts**.

1 Corinthians 12:29-31 (NIV) (p.2/2)

**Who** are those who send,  
proclaim, evangelise,  
shepherd, or teach?

How can I **participate**?



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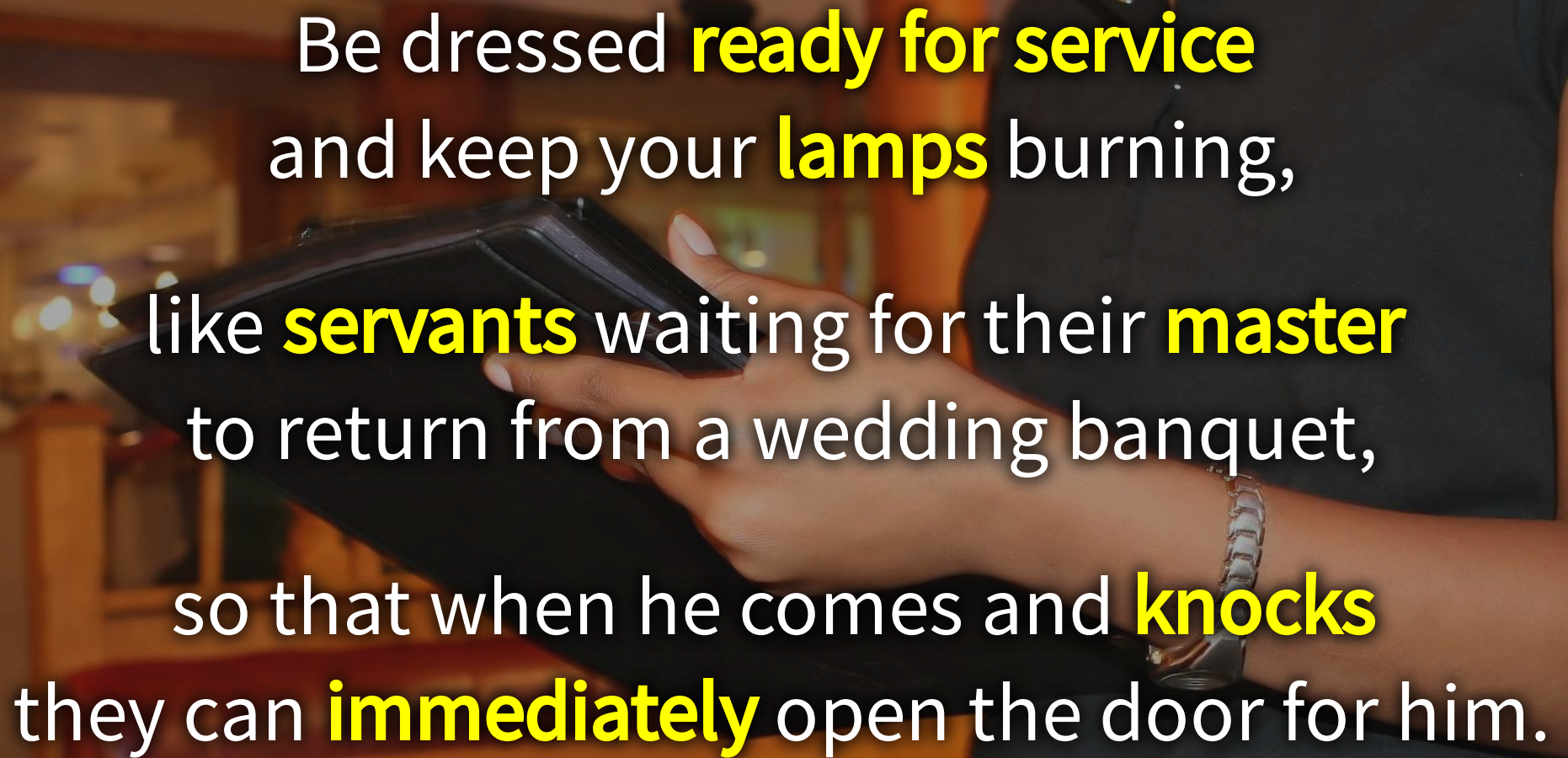
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to **equip** his people for **works of service**,  
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Ephesians 4:12 (NIV)





Be dressed **ready for service**  
and keep your **lamps** burning,  
like **servants** waiting for their **master**  
to return from a wedding banquet,  
so that when he comes and **knocks**  
they can **immediately** open the door for him.

Luke 12:35-36 (NIV) (p.1/2)

A woman in a dark polo shirt is holding a black folder or book. The background is a blurred restaurant or bar setting with warm lighting and wooden furniture.

It will be **good** for those servants whose master finds them **watching** when he comes.

Truly I tell you,  
he will **dress** himself to serve,  
will have them **recline** at the table  
and will come and **wait on them**.

Luke 12:37 (NIV) (p.2/2)

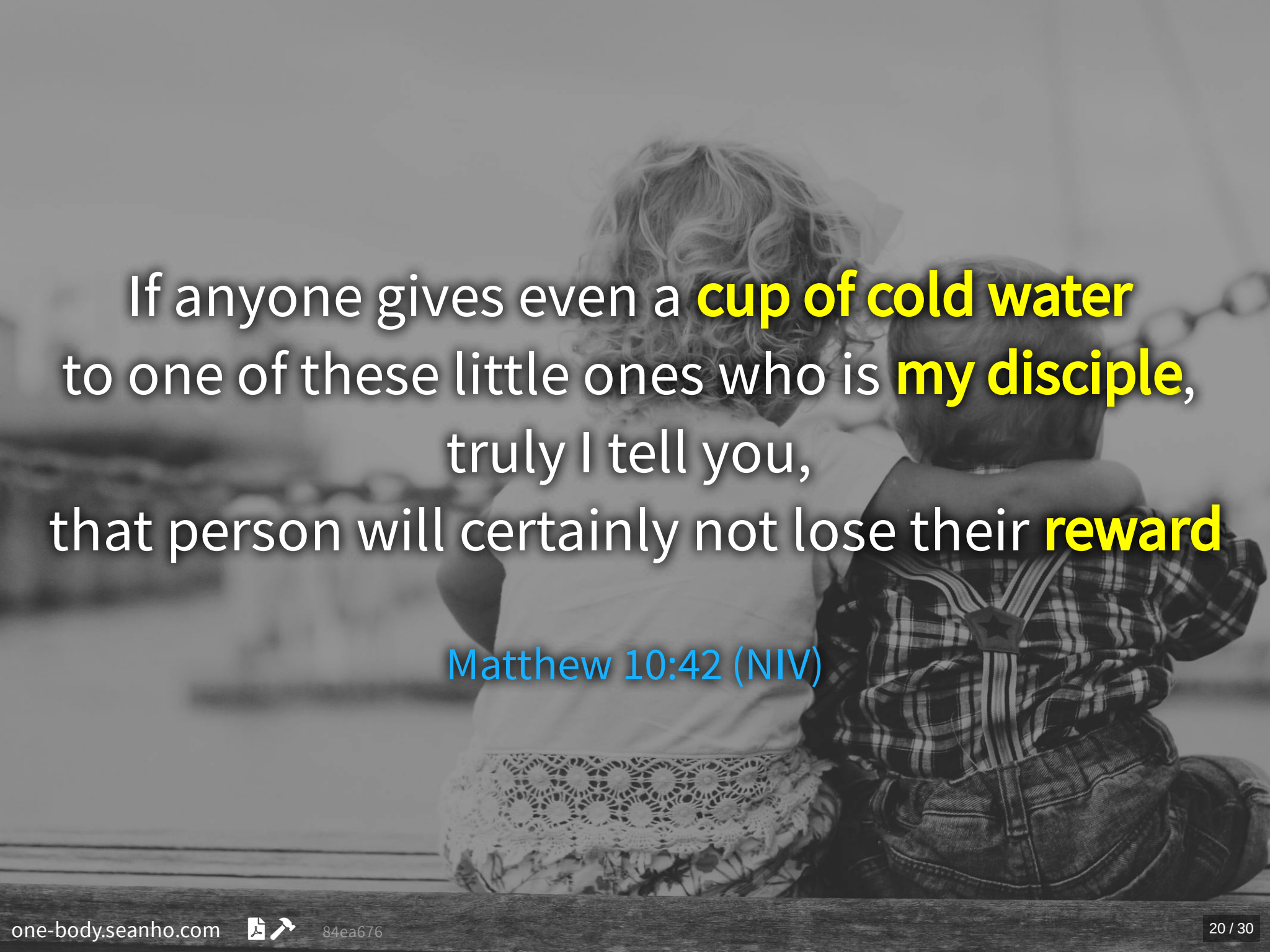




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Luke 12:37 (NIV)





If anyone gives even a **cup of cold water**  
to one of these little ones who is **my disciple**,  
truly I tell you,  
that person will certainly not lose their **reward**

Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

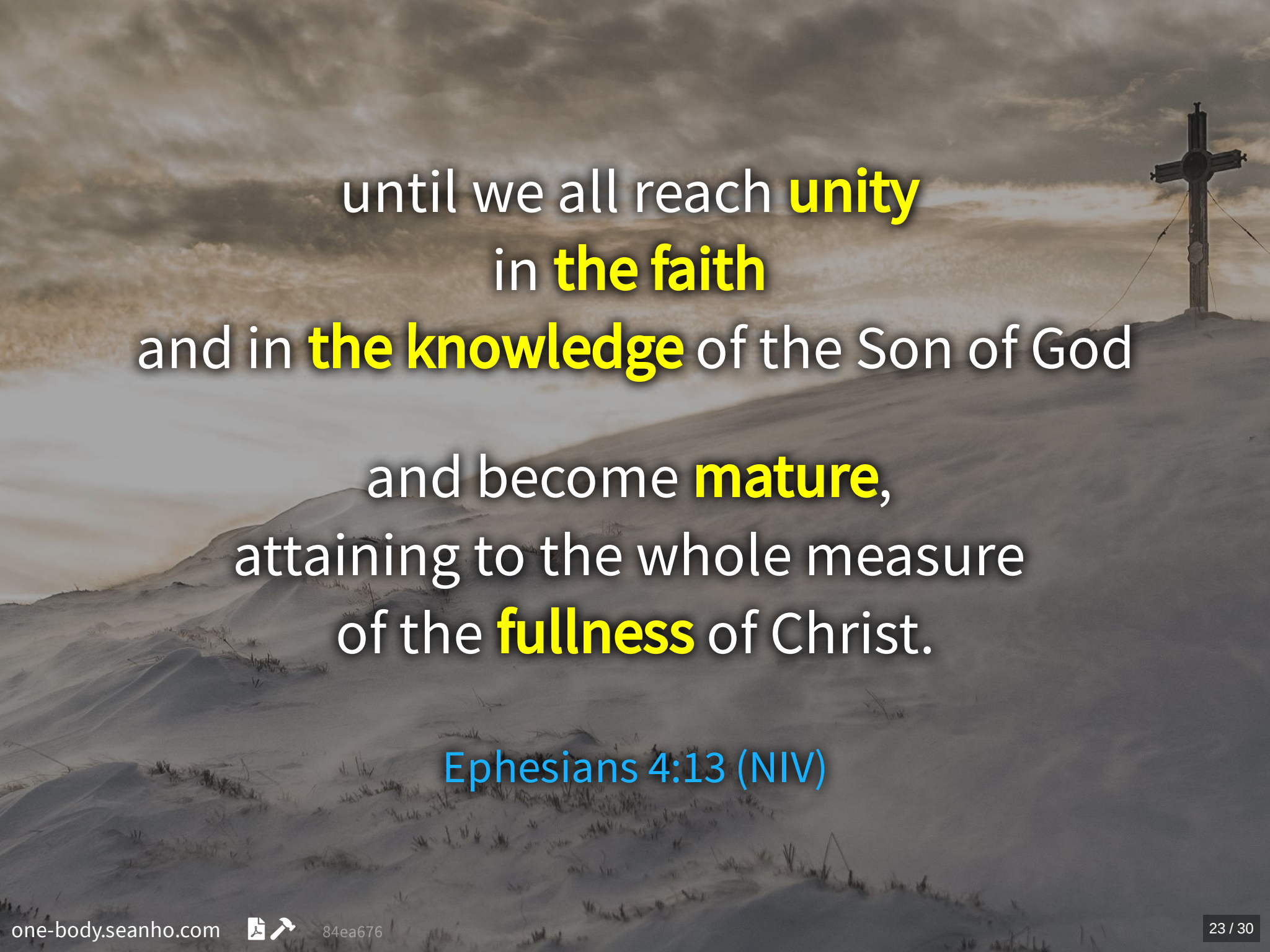


How can I **equip**,  
**serve**, or **build up**  
the body of Christ?

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A wooden cross stands on a sand dune under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Ephesians 4:13 (NIV)

Let us **draw near** with a true heart  
in full **assurance** of faith,  
with our hearts sprinkled **clean**  
from an evil conscience  
and our bodies **washed** with pure water.

23 Let us **hold fast** the confession of our hope  
without wavering,  
for he who **promised** is faithful

Hebrews 11:22-23 (ESV)




A photograph of a house on fire, with bright orange and yellow flames rising from the roof and windows. The house is surrounded by trees, some of which are bare. In the foreground, there is a cemetery with several gravestones. The sky is overcast and grey. The text is overlaid on the image.

unity in **the faith**  
and in **the knowledge** of the Son of God

Ephesians 4:13 (NIV)



An open Bible with a person's hands resting on it. The Bible is open to a page with text, and a person's hands are visible, one holding a pen. The background is a wooden surface. The text is overlaid on the Bible pages.

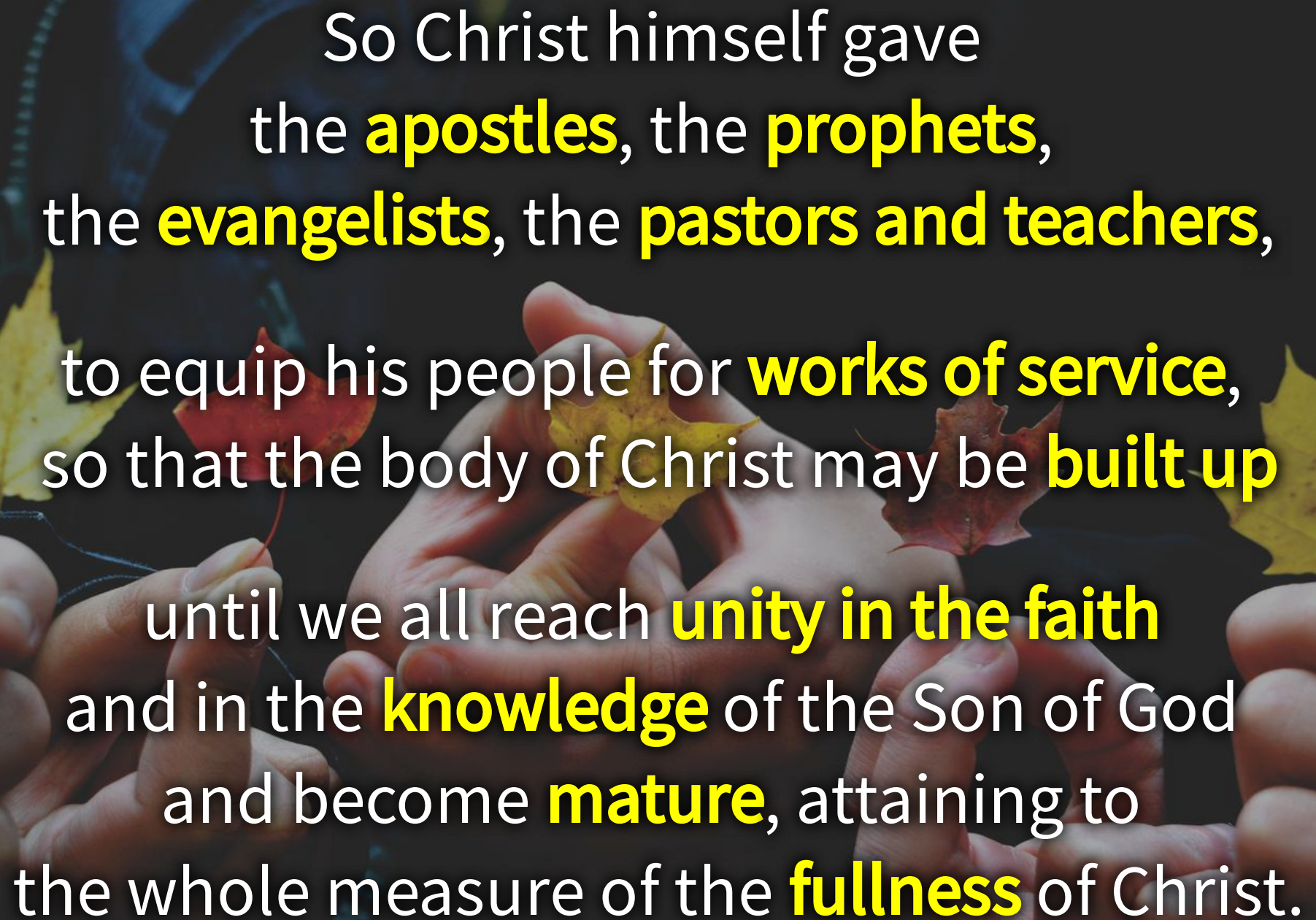
For no matter how many **promises**  
God has made,  
they are “**Yes**” in Christ.

And so through him the “**Amen**”  
is spoken by us to the **glory of God**.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)



What does an **ideal**  
church look like?



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