

THE NAIL Questions

The nail said when it touched Jesus it felt familiar. Has something similar happened to you? Perhaps you went to Sunday school when you were little and stopped going, for one reason or another. One day someone said something about Jesus or church, and it revived familiar sensations?

Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust. Our bodies were made of dust and to dust we will return. What difference is there between the Nail and ourselves in this transition?

Do you have to be hit on the head sometimes? Do you become emotionally detached? Are you emotionally involved with your Faith? Your Lord?

Have you ever been asked to do something very special, and it turns out not to be as important as you thought? Something anyone can do?. The nail felt that anyone could do the job he was given.. He wasn't important.

A high point in our life, is we find something that few others can do.

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Are there times in which you feel distinctive within your Faith community?

Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV)

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:18-20 (NIV)

But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (TLB)

Our bodies have many parts, but the many parts make up only one body when they are all put together. So it is with the "body" of Christ. Each of us is a part of the one body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But the Holy Spirit has fitted us all together into one body.

We have been baptized into Christ's body by the one Spirit, and have all been given that same Holy Spirit.

Yes, the body has many parts, not just one part. If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And what would you think if you heard an ear say, "I am not part of the body because I am only an ear and not an eye"? Would that make it any less a part of the body?

Suppose the whole body were an eye - then how would you hear? Or if your whole body were just one big ear, how could you smell anything? But that isn't the way God has made us. He has made many parts for our bodies and has put each part just where he wants it.

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So God has put the body together in such a way that extra honour and care are given to those parts that might otherwise seem less important. This makes for happiness among the parts, so that the parts have the same care for each other that they do for themselves. If one part suffers, all parts suffer with it, and if one part is honoured, all the parts are glad. Now here is what I am trying to say: All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it