“We Were All Baptized into One Body”
1 Cor. 12:12,13

Introduction:
A. Paul declares that he and the Corinthians had been baptized into one body.
   1. Elsewhere he declares that there is one body and one baptism (Eph. 4:4,5).
   2. He also declares that there is but one body (v. 20 KJV).
   3. He also declares that the body is the church. (Eph. 1:22,23)
B. Paul’s words emphasize two things that need studying today: (1) The Body and (2) the Baptism.

Discussion:
I. The Body.
   A. The oneness of the body.
      1. As many there are gods, lords, etc. (Eph. 4:4-6).
      2. Oneness of doctrine throughout (1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17).
      3. Many churches only in the sense of local congregations.
   B. Some identifying marks of the one body (Ill. A detective’s search).
      1. Names by which it is called.
         a. Collectively (Rom. 16:16; Acts 20:28; etc.)
         b. Individually: Disciples, Christians (Acts 11:26); Saints (1 Cor. 1:2); etc.
      2. Date of origin (Isa. 2:2; Dan. 2:44; Matt. 16:18; Mark 9:1; Acts 2:47).
      3. Organization (Phil 1:1,2; Acts 14:23; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
      4. Items of Worship.
         a. Singing (Eph. 5:17; 1 Cor. 14:15).
         b. Praying (1 Cor. 14:15).
         c. Teaching/preaching (Acts 5:42; 20:7)
         d. Lord’s supper on first day of week (Acts 20:7).
         e. Collections on the first day of week (1 Cor. 16:2).
      5. Program of work.
         a. Evangelism (Phil. 4:15-16; 2 Cor. 11:8).
         b. Edification (Eph. 4:16).
         c. Benevolence to saints (Rom. 15:26).

II. The Baptism.
   A. The objective of baptism.
      1. To save (1 Pet. 3:21).
      3. To enter Christ (Rom. 6:4; Gal. 3:26, 27).
      4. To enter the church (text)
      5. Hence, a vital connection between salvation and the baptism and the church (Acts 2:47)
   B. The proper subject for baptism.
      3. A Confessed believer (Rom. 10:10; Acts 8:37).

Conclusion:
A. Those baptized scripturally are added to the one body.
B. In NT there was no such things as being saved then being baptized into the church of your choice.