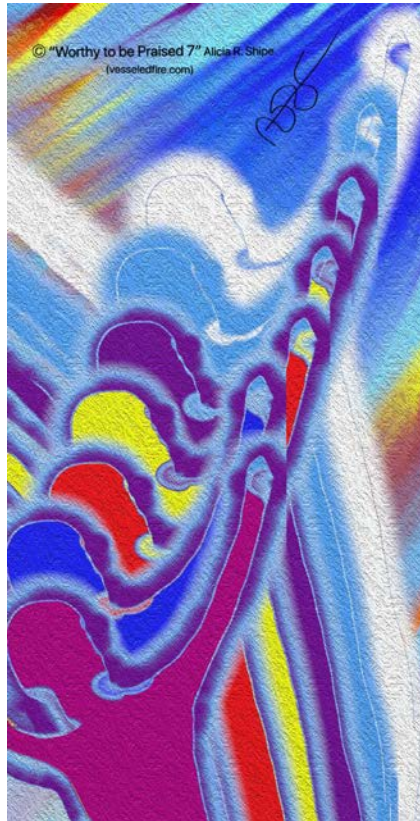


## The Body



### Introduction

This is the introduction to my next series which I am titling "The Body". The original intention of this series is to compare The Body of Christ (all believers) with our natural and physical bodies. I say "original intention" because as this series progresses it may become something else as do most of my writings that are led by Holy Spirit.

I don't know about you but my prayer for myself and those I love for 2018 is to come into an even deeper relationship with the God-Head. As I have stated in writings before, we cannot have a relationship with someone that we don't know. Getting to know someone takes time, patience, and being in their presence often. This is true of our Lord also. We cannot have a relationship with Him without learning about Him and being in His presence more often than not.

Another part of getting to know Him is to know who He made each of us to be. We are to be a part of Him and He a part of us. This means we also need to come into relationship with one

another. There are three scriptures I want all of us to keep in mind through this series...

Proverbs 9:10 - "The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding..

Romans 12:4-5 - For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, **5** so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

1 Corinthians 15:46-49 - However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. **47** The first man was of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. **48** As was the man of dust, so also are those who are *made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. **49** And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

The plan is to go through each system of our physical bodies (and more) for us to have a practical way of looking at The Body of Christ. As we move through this series, my prayer is that we (me included) also start to treat our physical beings better. I know I have bad habits that I wish to break. The body has a natural way of healing itself but only if we take care of it. So with this series, I endeavor to show how the body works as a parallel to The Body of Christ. Prayers are appreciated that I do not stray from God's plan in this series and that I hear His voice even clearer in this and upcoming seasons. Bless you all.

Alicia R. Shipe