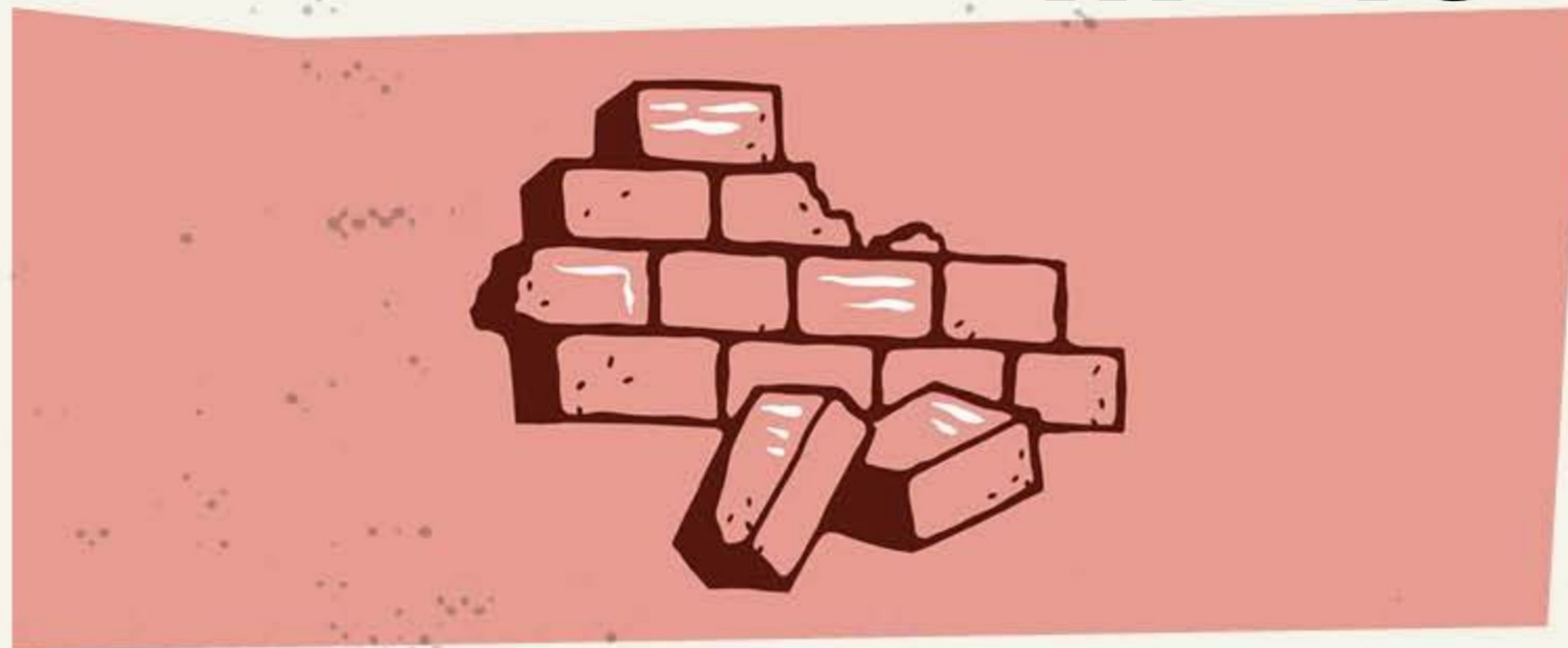
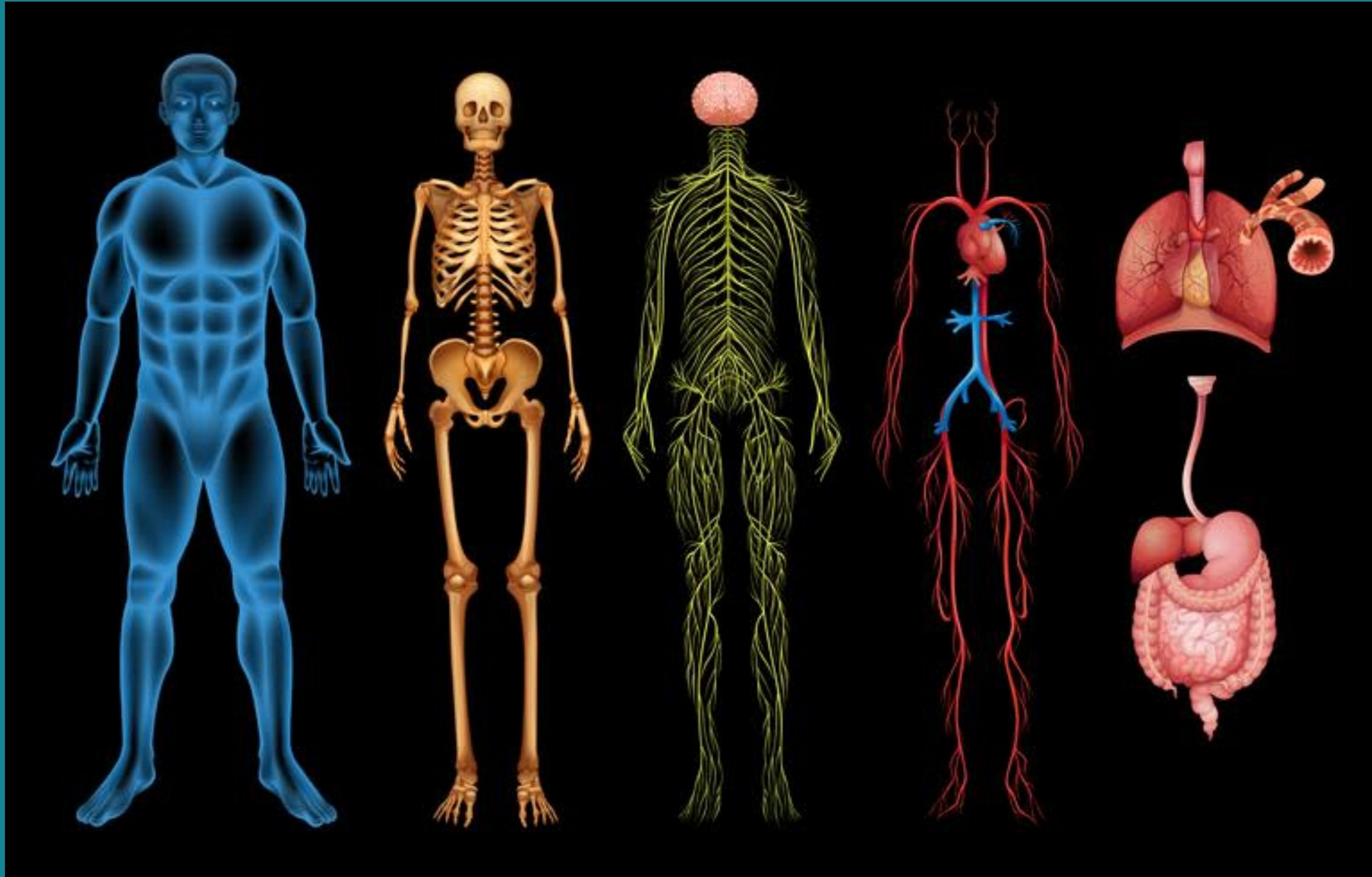


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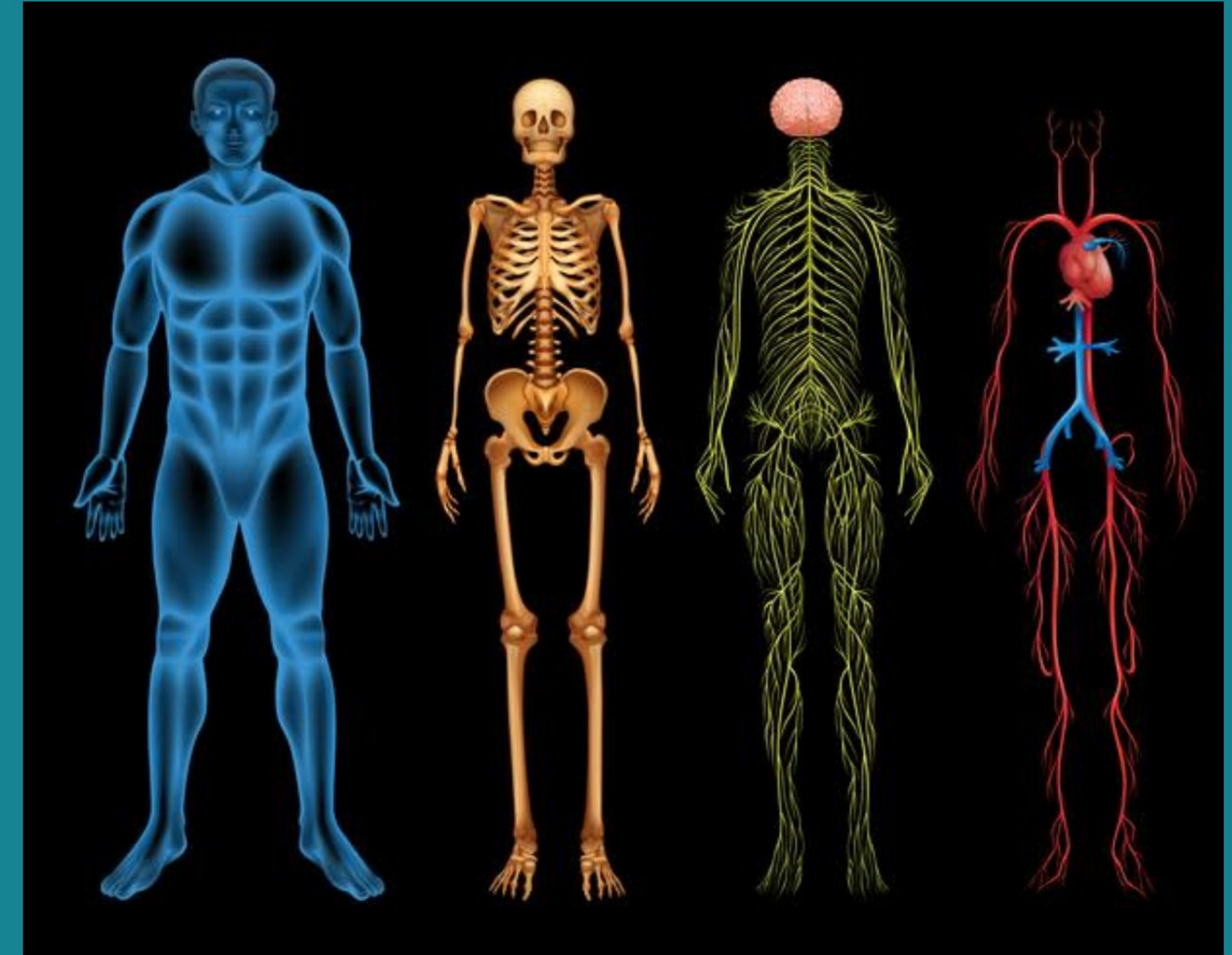


The Body of Christ



**Why this
metaphor?**

**Varied grace is God's
plan for our fullness.**



1. Varied grace is our inheritance.

"This is why it says..."

Psalm 68:18



Plunder
is varied:
grain,
livestock,
people,
weapons,
armor,
clothing,
oil, wine,
foods...

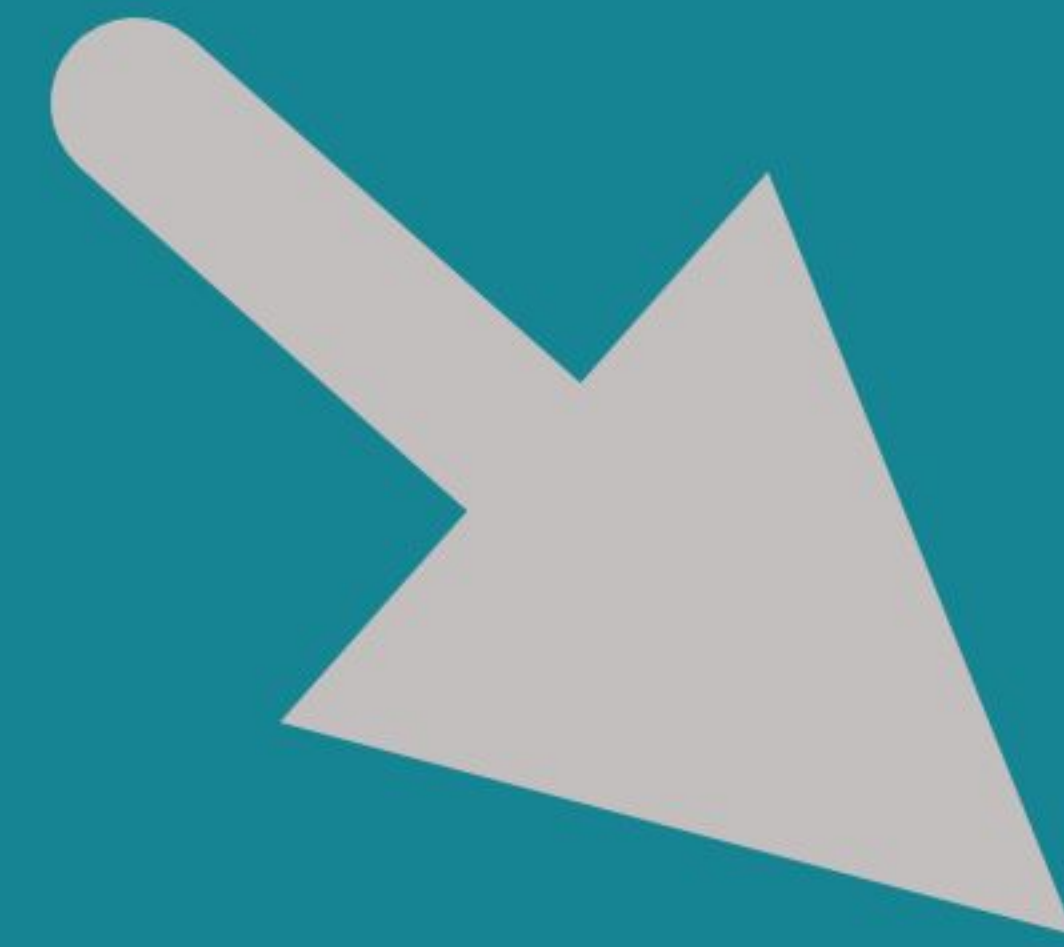


2. Varied grace is God's plan for our maturity

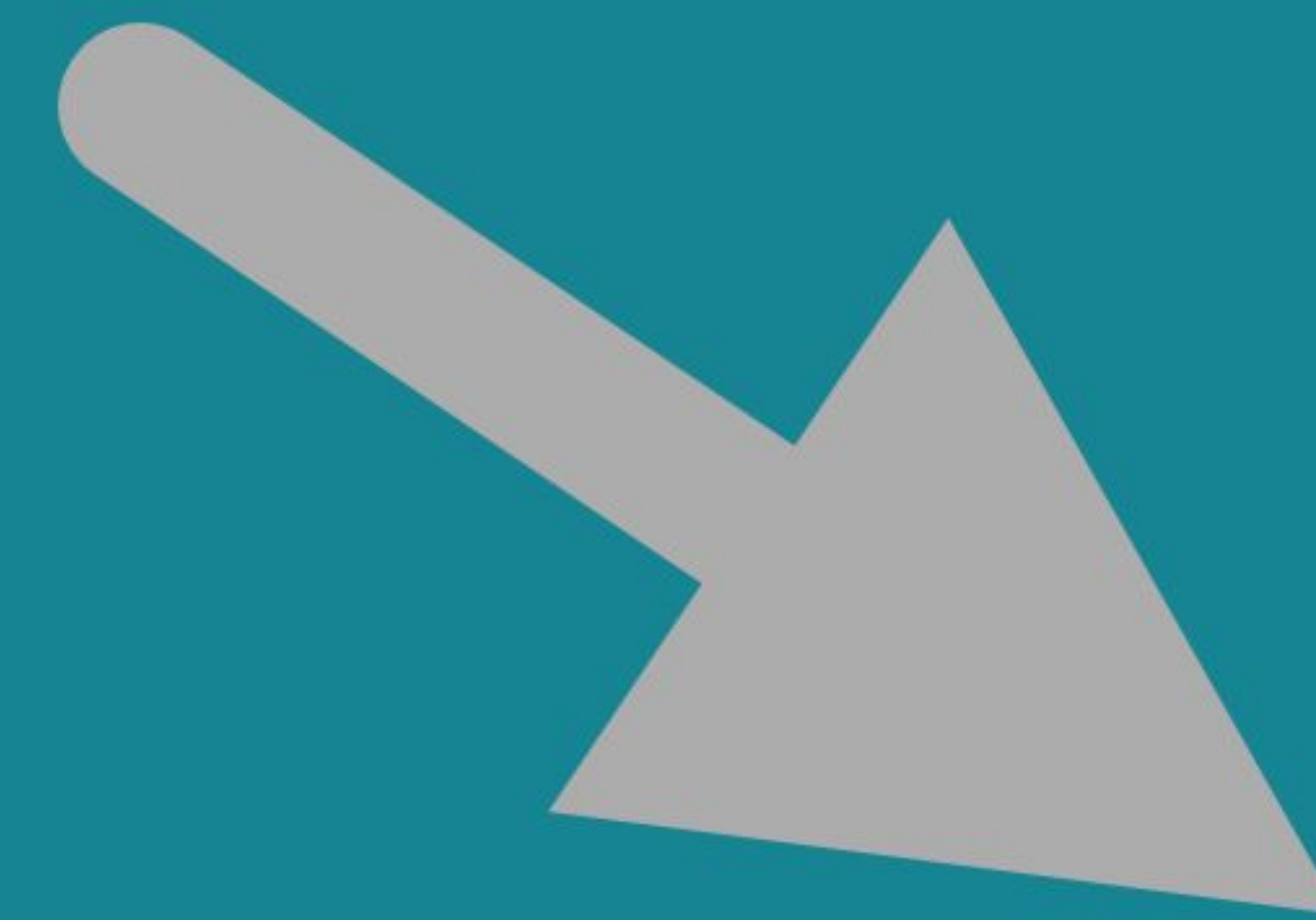
Ephesians 4:9–10 “So he himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, for the *equipping* of the saints into works of service, and to the *building up* of the body of Christ.”

Gift of 5 'word' or leadership graces

(These are examples too)



Equip the saints (works of service)



Build up the body of Christ



Vs 14

3. Unity unleashes the good of God's varied grace



The way of unity:

**We need all 3
to have real unity.**

**Virtues
of unity**
vs 1-3

**Vision
of unity**
vs 4-6

**Which do
you tend to
ignore?**

**Matrix
of unity**
vs 7-13

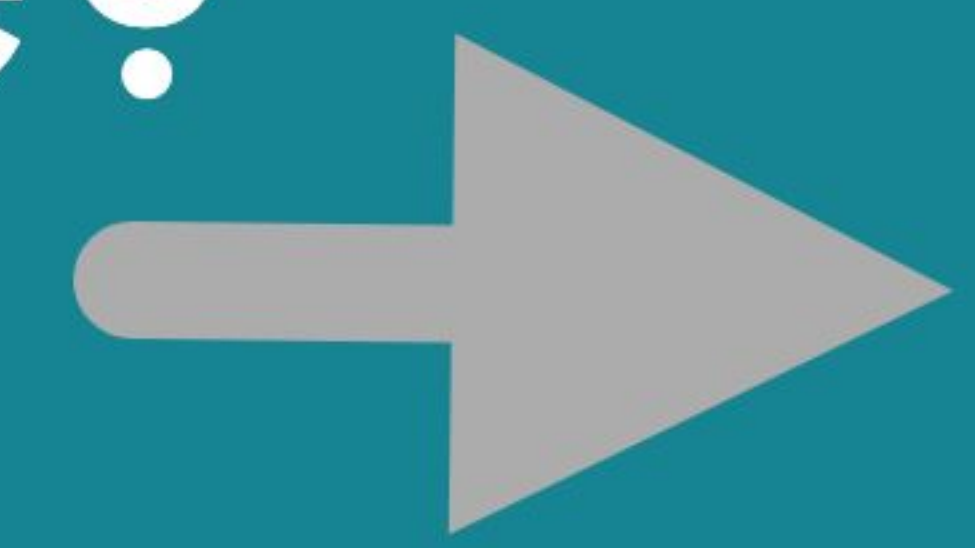
**1. Gracious diversity, unity,
and maturity are a
fullness won by the
triumph of Christ.**

**2. Our inheritance is not just
our spiritual freedom**

**but also a God-given
spiritual wealth.**

3. Not every division and difference in humanity is a varied grace.

Varied Grace?
(Creation or redemption)



No

No

No



Yes



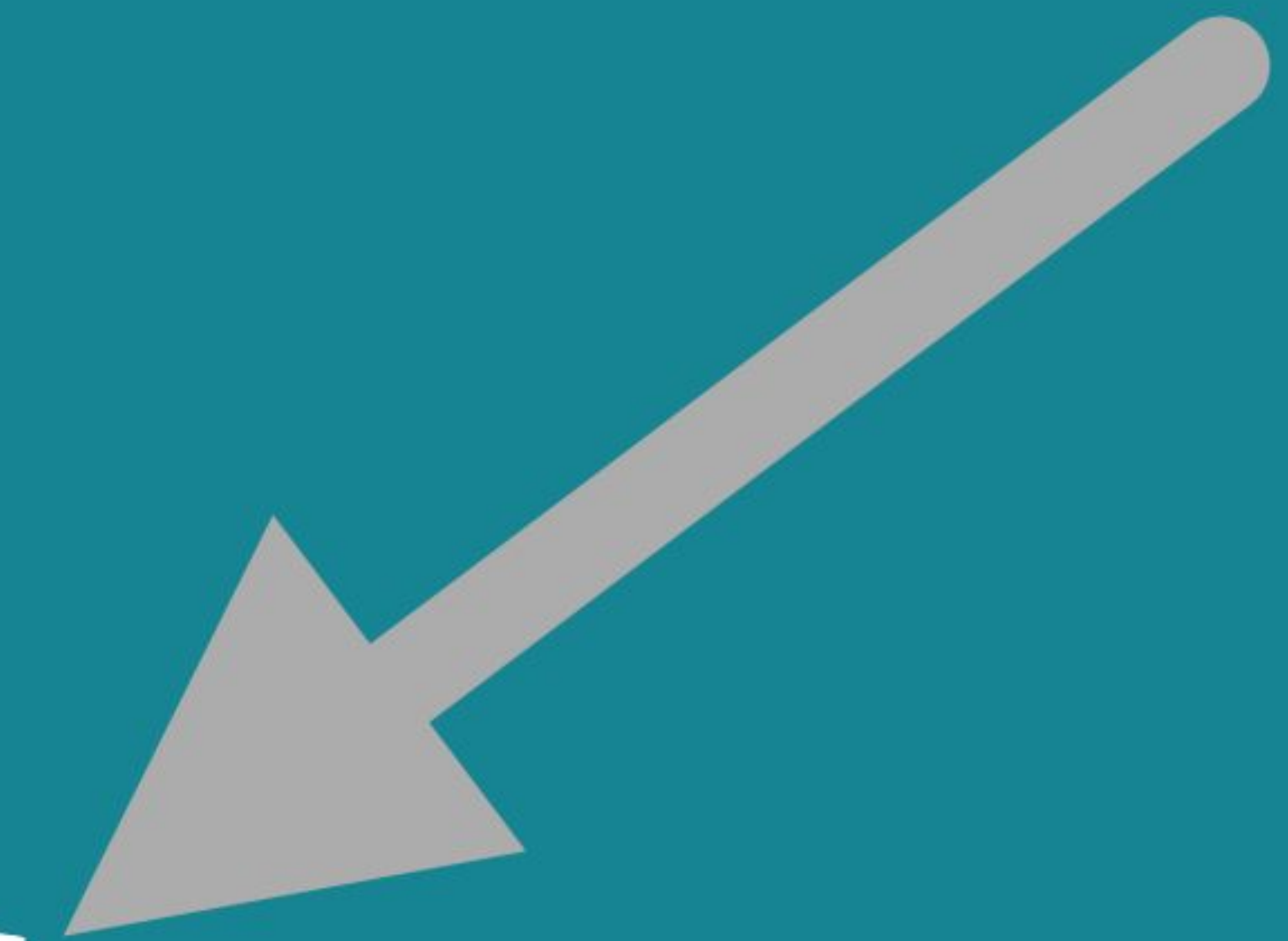
Accept by toleration?



Bear with infirmity?



Yes



Embrace/work for unity and maturity

Reject and resist false teaching



4. This fullness isn't an automatic reality, though it is a complete gift.

We have to receive it through faithful obedience in the body of Christ.

5. Unity, productivity, and maturity can only be pursued together—in the shared family of the church—the Body of Christ.

**6. There is more for us to
experience in Christ**

**7. You have to go along with
God's methods by faith to get
his transforming results**



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