

# The Church: Membership

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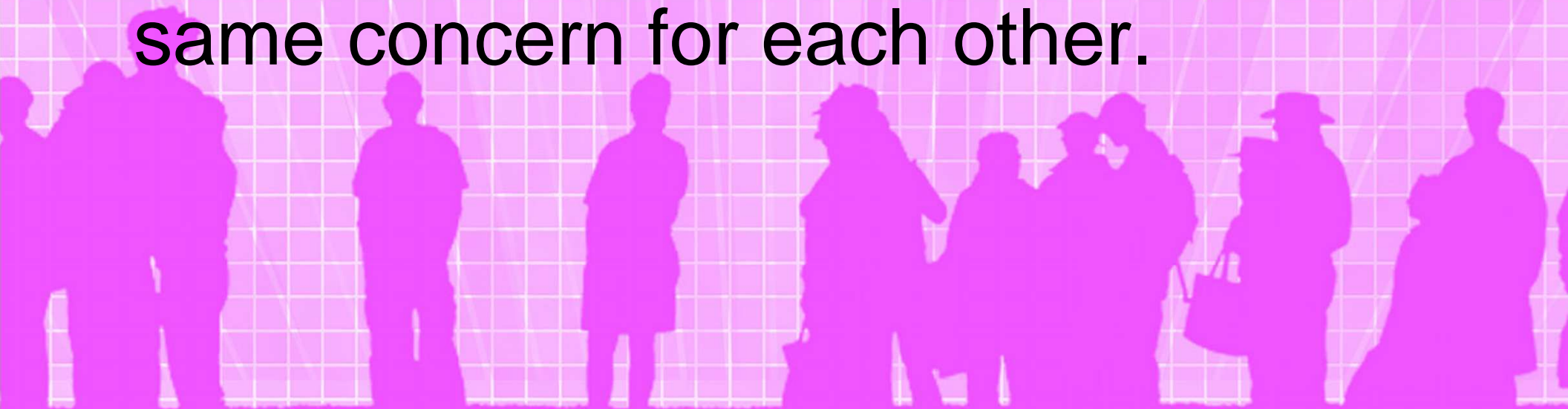
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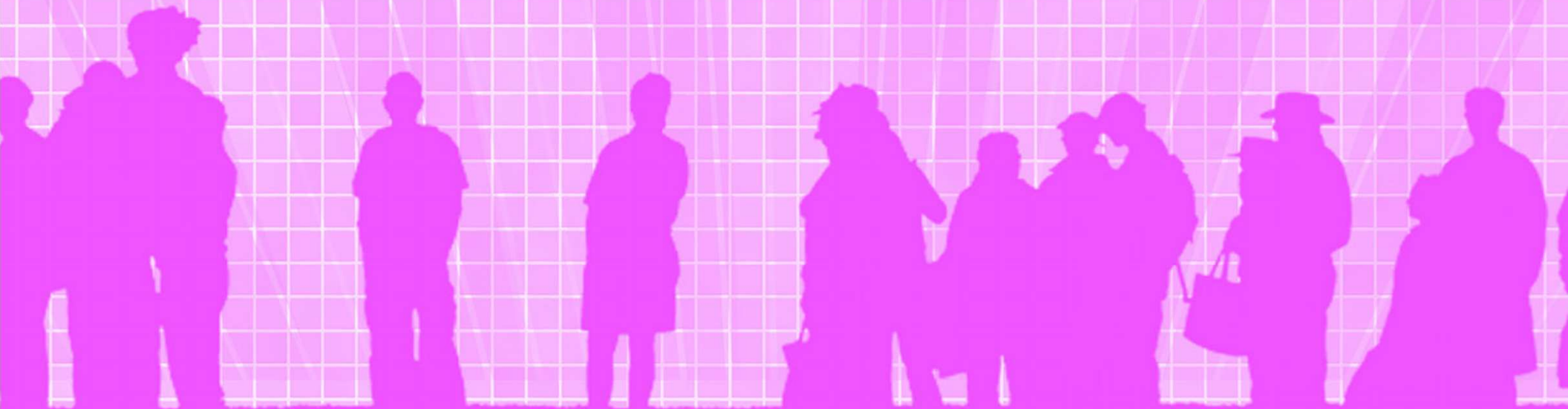
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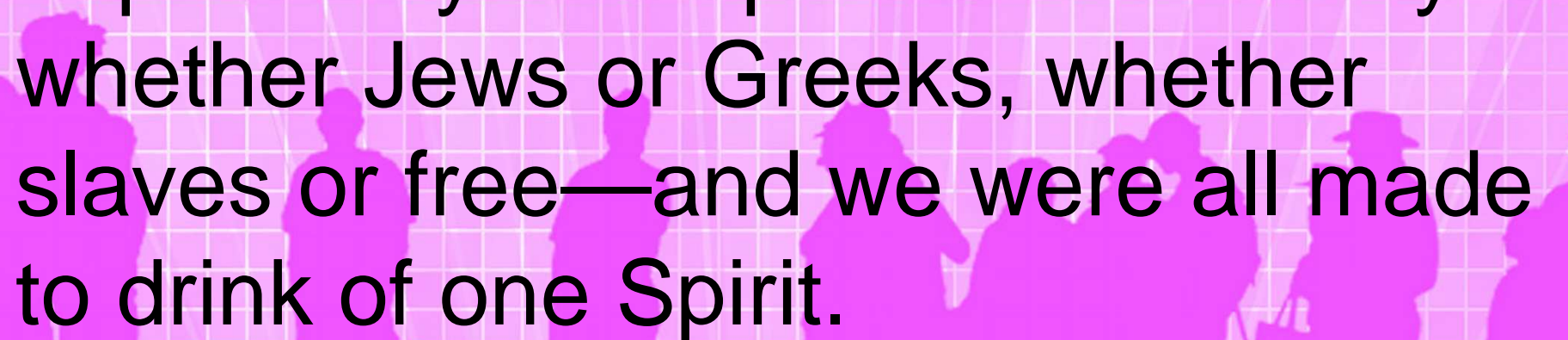
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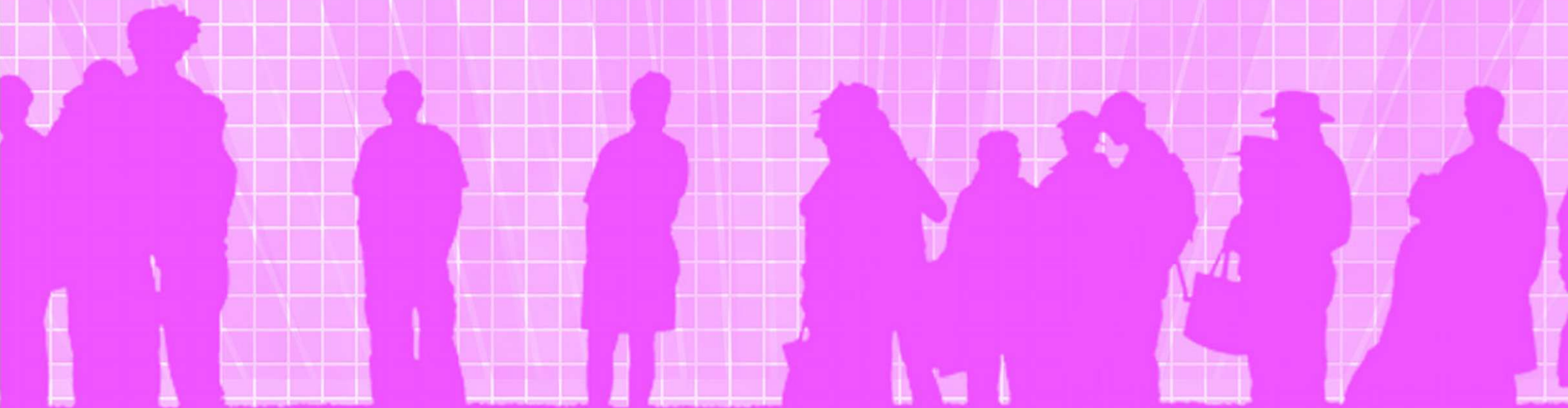
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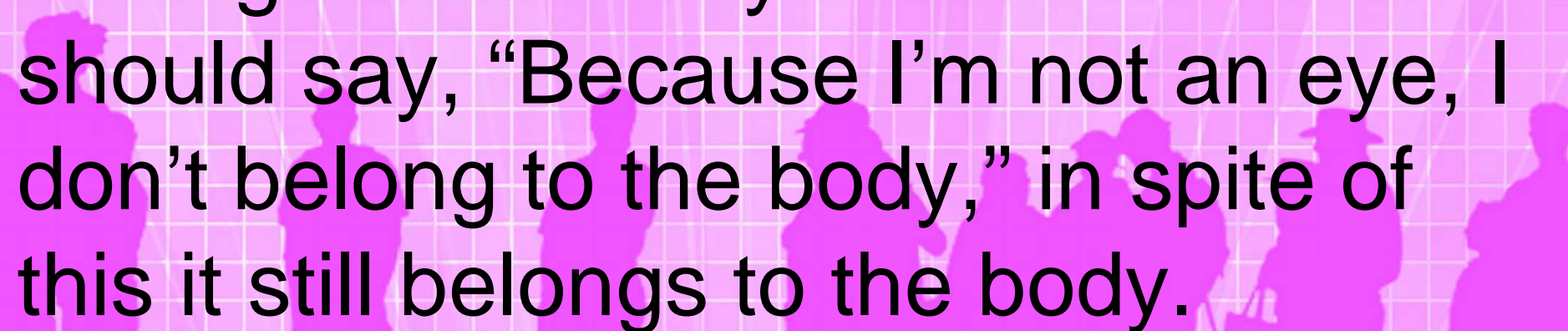
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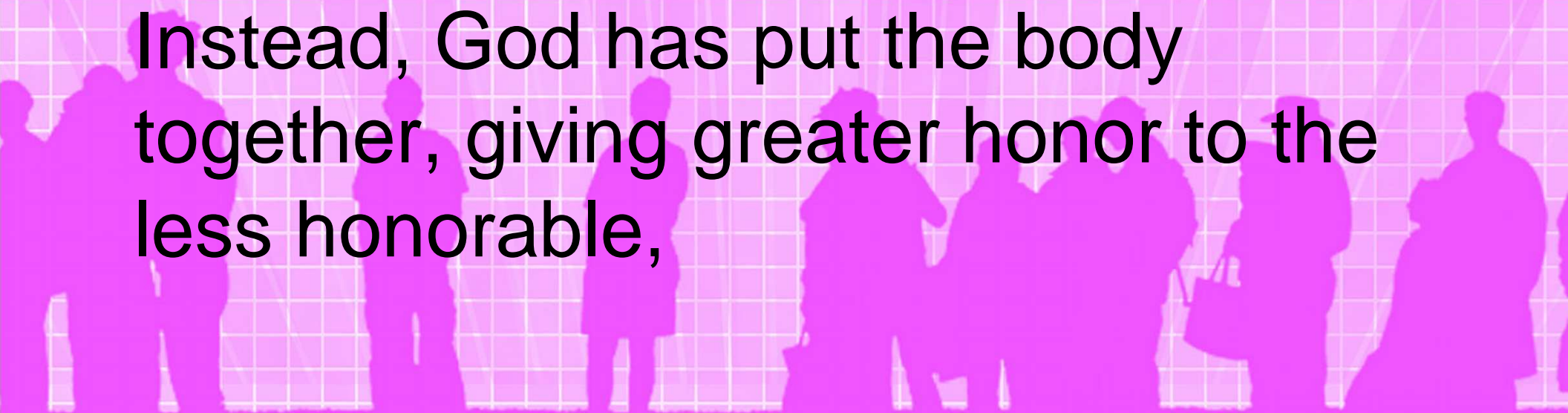
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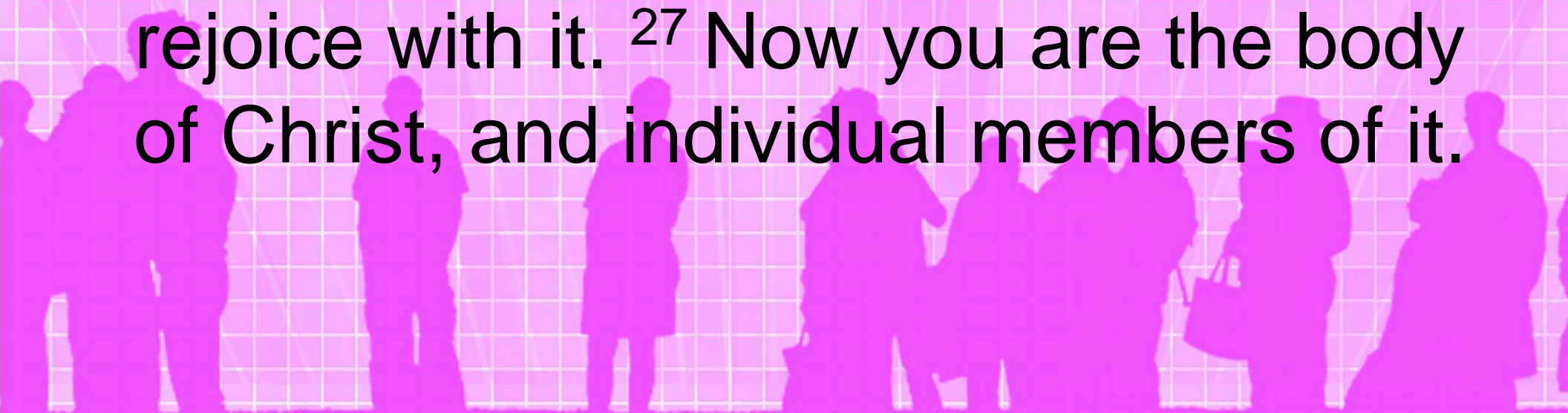
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## Romans 12:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.



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