



THE BODY OF CHRIST

Romans 12:3-8

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Today, we take a look at part two of the verses in Romans 12, where we communicate grace by living out our faith in the spiritual gifts he has given us all.

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. **7** But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. **8** Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." **Ephesians 4:4-8**

Romans 12:3-8

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, **5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. **6** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; **7** if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; **8** the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."

- God's Grace Produces Sincere HUMILITY.
- God's Grace Helps Us Communicate and Behave According to the Measure of FAITH.

"until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." **Ephesians 4:13-16**

- Every Believer Receives the EXACT GIFT needed to FULFILL the BODY of Christ. (v 6-8)

Spiritual Gifts mentioned in Romans 12:6-8,

1. SERVE - giving practical help to others

"And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues." **1 Corinthians 12:28**

2. TEACH - the ability to interpret, clarify, systematize, and explain God's truth clearly.

"and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" **2 Timothy 2:2**

3. EXHORTATION - effectively calls others to obey and follow God's truth. (v. 8)

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

4. GIVES - the sacrificial sharing and giving of one's resources and self to meet the needs of others.

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." **Ephesians 4:28**

5. LEAD - directing members to accomplish the goals and purposes of the church.

6. MERCY - actively shows sympathy and sensitivity to those in suffering and sorrow.

What is your role, your piece that you can contribute to the body of Christ? Some of us need encouragement to go back to the Word, our first love, remembering a call to salvation. We can live and serve with joy in our hearts when we build one another up on the rock of Christ, not on the sand of culture.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision you could ever make is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death. Yet through God's love, only Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead — YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins, BELIEVE in Jesus thereby receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.