New Life in Christ Romans 12





A Hungry Heart for God



Two Parts of Paul's Letter

- Principle and Practice
 - Doctrine and Duty
 - Creed and Conduct
- Belief and Behave
 - **Conversion and Consecration**

THE BOOK OF **ROMANS** 12-15



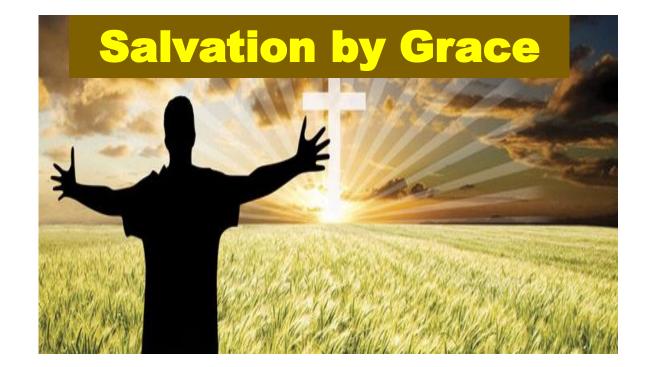
- V1-2 Relationships with God Right Attitude to God
- V3-8 Relationships in the Church Right Attitude to Yourself & Brethren
- V9-21 Relationships with Others Right Attitude to Friends and Enemies



Relationships with God

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship

By the Mercy of God Consecrated Body Give God Your Body



Transformed Mind

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Give God Your mind From Conformer to Transformer Changed from the Inside Out



Conform and Transform

Form' – Two words

- Schema in conform (sychematizomai), 'outward appearance'.
 Conform from the Outside
- Morphe in transform (metamorphoo), 'inward substance'. Transform from the Inside
 - 'Metamorphose', metamorphosis
 - *'Transfigured'* in Matthew 17:2



Discover His Perfect Will

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is his good, pleasing and perfect will.

> Yield ourselves and our plan to Him & let Him works as He sees best.

You will taste and discover His perfect plan



V3-8 Relationships in the Church

Right Attitude to Yourself and Brethren

Life in The Body of Christ Exercising Spiritual Gifts to edify & build up the church

Unity and Humility



Honest Evaluation of Ourselves and Our Gifts

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Not too high Nor too low

According to the measure of faith given to us by His grace.



We are Interconnected and Interdependent of Each Other

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.



⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

Unity

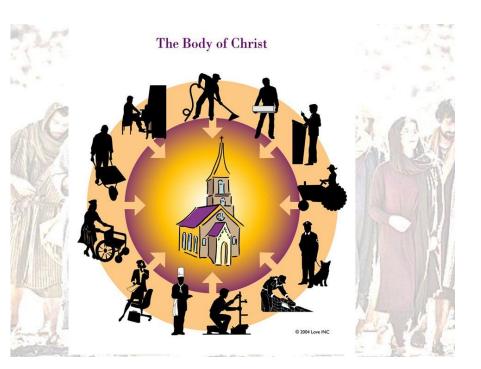
The Body of Christ



Seven Gifts Listed

If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is <u>serving</u>, then serve; if it is <u>teaching</u>, then teach; ⁸ if it is to <u>encourage</u>, then give encouragement; if it is <u>giving</u>, then give generously; if it is to <u>lead</u>, do it diligently; if it is to show <u>mercy</u>, do it cheerfully.

> Use your gifts with all devotion to Christ by His grace





- Right Attitude to Friends and Enemies
- Cultivating Fruit
 of the Spirit
- Love in Action

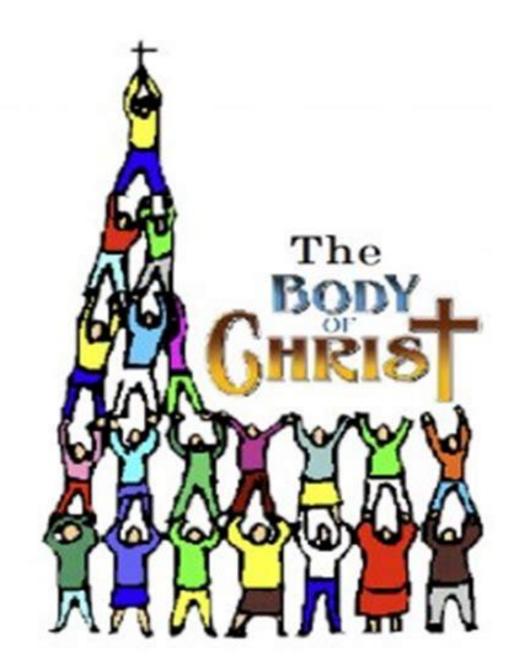


Be sincere and devoted in our love to one another

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

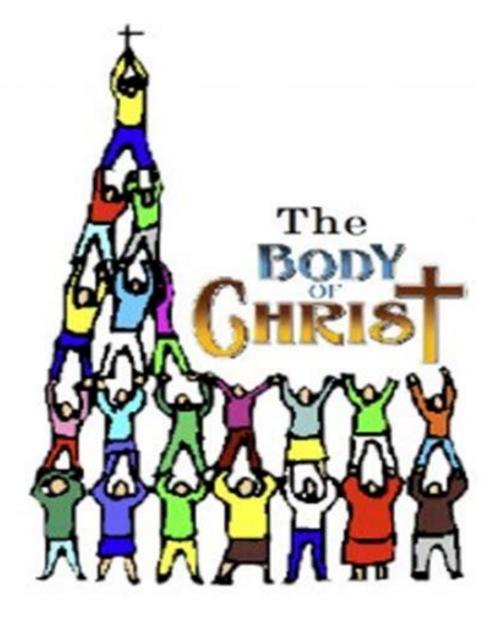
¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Honest not Hypocritical Love



Keep up the zeal in serving and loving one another

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.



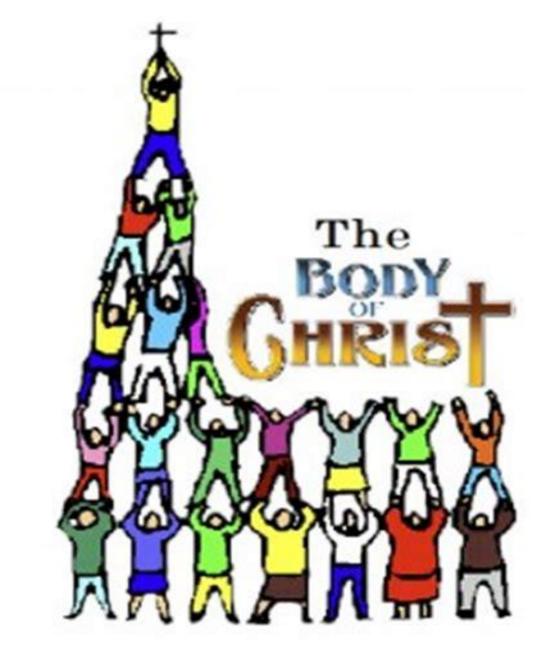




¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

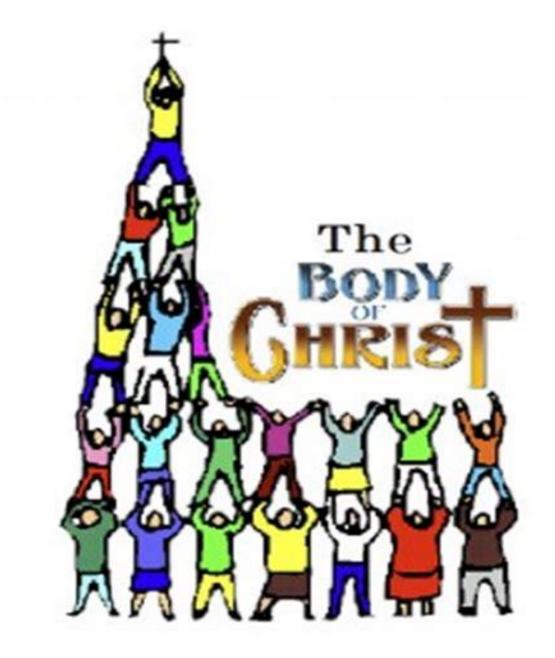
¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.



Live in Harmony

 ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
 ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Be Humble and Appreciate One Another



Live in Peace with Our Enemies

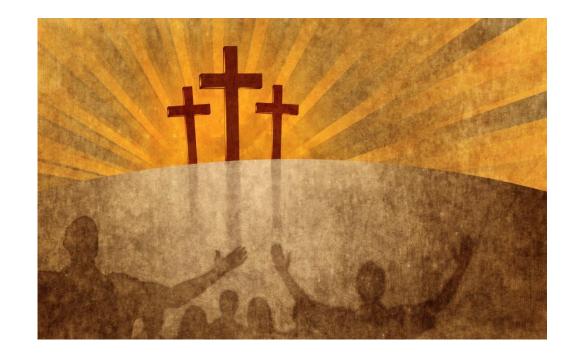
¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Let God be the Judge Win them Over with Love

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."
²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

New Life in Christ

- Relationship with God
 From Conformer to Transformer
 Give God your body, mind, and will.
- Relationships in the Church Exercising Gifts of the Spirit in building up the church
- Relationships with Others *Cultivating Fruit of the Spirit Facing challenges of the world victoriously in Christ*





New Life in the Spirit

From Survival to Revival

We were made not just to survive but to thrive by His Spirit!

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