

The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ
A Survey of the Book of Romans
The Community Life of the Redeemed
Romans 12:3-8

Romans 12:1-2 Review

- *Present your bodies as a living sacrifice*
- *Renew your mind to Christlike thinking*

Community Life is Foundational to Spiritual Growth
Romans 12:3-5

- *The Body Metaphor*
- *Grace, Humility, and Sober Thinking*

Important Aspects to Discuss Regarding Spiritual Gifts

- Each of us is gifted differently
- The Spirit decides what gifts a person gets
1 Cor. 12:11, 18
- The purpose of our gifts is the building up of others
1 Cor. 12:7, Eph. 4:15-16
- How do you know what your gifts are?
- Spiritual Gifts are to be used
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Digging Deeper into Romans 12:3-8

1. Let's remember that we are reading the rest of Romans through the filter of 12:1-2. Let's read that first to remind us what Paul is asking from us

2. Read Romans 12:3-5.
Let's discuss the imagery of the "body of Christ." To what degree is this simply a metaphor or is an actual reality to describe the Church?

3. With the body imagery in mind, let's discuss the following.
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 - *How do you know what your gifts are?*
 - *Spiritual Gifts are to be used. Read Romans 12:6-8*
 - *What happens when many Christians do not use their gifts?*