

**Romans: The Power of the Gospel (The Gospel Unites)**  
**Living Sacrifice**  
**May 3, 2017**  
**Romans 12:9-21**

We live out our transformation in community. The foundation to community is a fair and sober judgment of ourselves.

Community is about diversity and unity.

A. I cannot be at church without others.

B. Virtual or digital "church" is not church.

1. **Make sure your relationships are authentic.**

Sincere is without mask.

Masks:

Superficial conversation.

Humor

Intelligence

Ignorance

Busy-ness

Spirituality

Sarcasm

2. **Love expresses itself in practical forms of service to others.**

3. **Reconcile when a relationship breaks down.**

Matthew 18:15 – “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you”.

Avoidance kills community.

Philippians 4:2

4. Steer clear of seeking revenge when you are wronged.

