

REDEEMER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

STEPPING OUT & PLUGGING IN

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ROMANS 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a **living** and **holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And **do not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:3

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1–3

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be unaware.² You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

1 JOHN 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world.

1 JOHN 4:1-6

⁴ You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world, therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us; the one who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

DON'T JUST READ THE HEADLINE

Our culture is absorbed in headline regurgitation instead of careful study and research.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

ROMANS 12:4–5

For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body's parts do not have the same function,⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13

For just as the body is one and yet has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

ROMANS 12:6–8

However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly: if prophecy, in proportion to one's faith;⁷ if service, in the act of serving; or the one who teaches, in the act of teaching;

ROMANS 12:6-8

⁸ or the one who exhorts, in the work of exhortation; the one who gives, with generosity; the one who is in leadership, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

PRACTICAL GIFTS

- Perceiver
- Server
- Teacher
- Exhorter
- Giving
- Administration
- Compassion/Mercy

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27–31

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, and various kinds of tongues.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27–31

²⁹ All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?
³⁰ All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? ³¹ But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And yet, I am going to show you a far better way.



DIFFERENT PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

We are all part of the body but have different functions. We need each other to work properly. God has given us each unique purpose & identity

ROMANS 12:9–13

Love must be free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good.¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor,¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

1 JOHN 4:7-8

Beloved, let's love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT, TO BE RIGHT!

Love being right & feeling justified, well don't rub it in! We aren't to be carnal like the world; we should be looking for ways to build others up, not tear people down.

ROMANS 12:14–21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.¹⁷ Never repay evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all people.¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people.

ROMANS 12:14-21

¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord. ²⁰ “BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.” ²¹ **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**



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Romans 12:21