

ROMANS 12

Live Life...

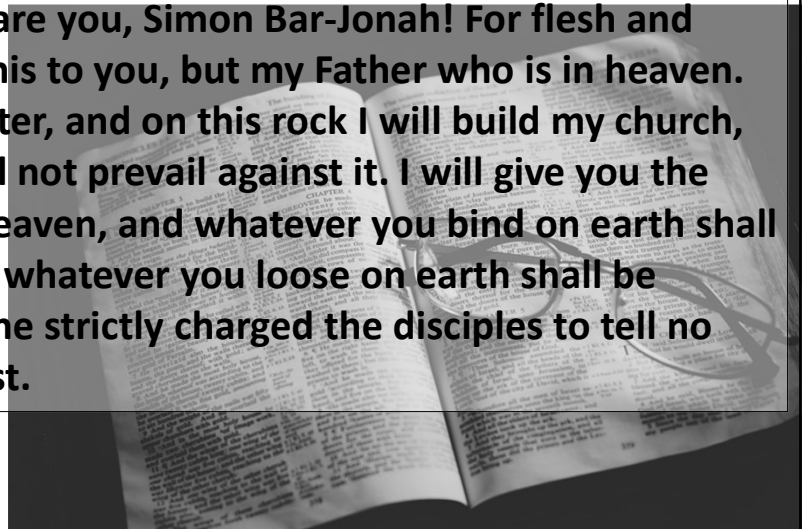
- For God – 12:1-2
- For Church – 12:3-8
- For Others – 12:9-21



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Matthew 16:15–20

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



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A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ:

- **An autonomous local congregation of baptized believers**
- **Associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel**
- **Governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word**
- **Seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.**
- **Operates under the Lordship of Christ**
- **Each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord.**

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

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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. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 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.

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ATTITUDE CHECK

- The mirror
 - Grace
 - Applied grace
 - Undeserved
 - Equal footing
 - Diversity of the body
 - Yet equality



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ATTITUDE CHECK

- The mirror
- Human nature struggle
 - Humility – thinking of others more highly than yourself
 - Measure of self-esteem anchored in Christ



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ATTITUDE CHECK

- The mirror
- Human nature struggle
- Spirit application
 - Sobber judgment
 - Anchored in faith
 - God's will reflected



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MANY OF THE PROBLEMS IN A LOCAL CHURCH ARE ROOTED IN INDIVIDUALS THINKING TOO HIGHLY OF THEMSELVES ABSENT THE MIRROR OF GRACE.



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ASSEMBLED BODY

- One body
 - 1 Corinthians 12
 - Ephesians 4:4–7
- There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.



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ASSEMBLED BODY

- One body
- One gospel
- One God/ Savior/ Spirit
- Individual members joined together



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WHEN THE ONENESS OF THE BODY IS REMOVED, HOW CAN THE CHURCH BE UNITED APART FROM CHRIST?



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ASSORTED GIFTS

- Different gifts – created uniquely for His glory
- According to the grace given
 - Spiritual equipped
 - Faith growing
 - Christ centered
 - Spirit given



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ASSORTED GIFTS

- Different gifts – created uniquely for His glory
- According to the grace given
- Zealous demonstration
 - Prophecy – faith
 - Service – serving
 - Teaches – teaching
 - Exhorts – exhortation
 - Contributes – generosity
 - Leads – zeal (passion)
 - Mercy giving – cheerfulness
- Non-exhaustive listing



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COMMITTED TO THE BODY?



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