

Members of One Body

(Gracious gifts of God)

Romans 12:3-8

³ 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.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

⁸ 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.

Characteristics of the gifts

I. These gifts are from God.

- Everything that we have He has given us.
- God has distributed a measure of faith to each one.
- We don't have any spiritual gifts or talents that did not come from God.

Characteristics of the gifts

II. These gifts are *of grace*.

- Paul said, “***By the grace given me.***” So, Paul acknowledges that his apostleship is given by the grace of God.
- We don't need to do anything to earn our gifts of grace, God gave us these gifts of grace.
- We are not only saved by grace, but we are gifted by God's grace to use gifts of grace.

Characteristics of the gifts

III. These gifts are for the church.

- The gifts that God has given us, by His grace, are to be used for the benefit of the church of Jesus Christ.
- Through the gifting of God and the grace of God, we come together as the people of God, united as one body in Jesus.

a few gifts of grace in this passage

1. Prophecy,
2. Service,
3. Teaching,
4. Exhorting,
5. Giving,
6. Leading, and
7. Showing mercy.

Paul's point is not to say that only certain Christians can do certain spiritual things. Rather, Paul is saying God in His grace has supernaturally gifted some Christians with these gifts as their primary gifts in the church body.

Finally:

We must use God's gifts for
His Church.

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I need you, you need me

We're all a part of God's body

Stand with me, agree with me

We're all a part of God's body

It is His will that every need be supplied

You are important to me, I need you to survive

You are important to me, I need you to survive

I pray for you, you pray for me

I love you, I need you to survive

I won't harm you with words from my mouth

I love you, I need you to survive