

Completing the Picture of Christ Part 3

Romans 12:1-21

Romans 12:5-8 ...so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Seven Grace Gifts of the Body

(There are many more than these seven, they are representative)

Grace Gift # 1 – PREACHING

Grace Gift # 2 – SERVING

Grace Gift # 3 – TEACHING

Grace Gift # 4 – ENCOURAGING

Grace Gift # 5 – GIVING

Grace Gift # 6 – LEADING

Grace Gift # 7 – LOVING

- I. **Completing the Picture of Christ requires an ACTIVE LOVE.** *Romans 12:9*

Romans 12: 9-13 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

How are we to share God's love with Believers? Romans 12:9-13 gives us 7 **Action steps** for having a sincere love for one another.

1. Be **DISCERNING** v. 9 – *It says cling to what is good, hate what is evil.*
2. Be **DEVOTED to one another** v.10 - *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*
3. **HONOR one another** v.10 – *Honor one another above yourselves.*
4. Be **PASSIONATE** v. 11 – *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*
5. Be **JOY-FILLED** v. 12 – *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*
6. Be **PATIENT** v. 12 – *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*
7. Be **GENEROUS** v. 13 - *Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

The promise of God's word is this...

John 13:34-35 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*