



# John 17

**20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.**



# **BECOMING ONE: ONE GRACE**

**Romans 12:1-8**



# Romans 12

**1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies 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. 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.**



# Romans 12

**4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.**

# BODIES AND MINDS

- Paul knew Roman ways...
  - The lifestyle and moral decay of the free people
  - “stuff you into its mold”
  - *syschematizo* 1Peter 1:14
  - The world seeks to bend and push us till we “fit”
- Paul calls us back to Jesus – bodies and minds
  - Presented as a living gift...
  - Renewed mind in Christ (Philipians 2)

# HUMBLE FAITH

- Don't think more of yourself than you should!
  - Also, don't think less!
  - See yourself the way Jesus does!
  - “sound judgement”
- God has “handed out” faith for service!!!
  - Too often faith is about “us” ...
  - Like the fishes and loaves

# BODY PICTURE

- Paul repeats the “body” comment...
  - Not the same function!
  - Note: gifts differ due to grace - God’s call!
  - Does God know you?
  - Does God know what you are made for?
  - More gift-ings are mentioned here...
  - Look at the listed ones...

# PEOPLE GIFTS

- God is incredibly varied in His creation...
- And His gifts are no different!
  - More than “9”!
  - Prophecy; Teaching; Ministry; Ruling; Exhort; Giving; Mercy; Hospitality
  - And then, music, art, smiling, phone calls, letters, emails, gardening, visual/audio arts...
  - And then there is YOURS!!!!
  - How do you identify your gift?



# START WITH GOD

- Spend time listening to GOD!!!
  - What do you have passion about?
  - What do you need to lean on God to do?
  - Not talent, but grace-gifts!
  - Start using them wherever you can...!
  - Heritage in Christ... identifies you as HIS!
  - Every part just needs to do their part!

