

Finding Delight in the Church

Romans 12:1–3 (NIV) — **(1)** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. **(2)** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **(3)** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

Romans 12:1–3 (The Message) — **(1)** So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. **(2)** Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. **(3)** I’m speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it’s important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

1 Corinthians 12:12–30 (NIV) — **(12)** The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. **(13)** For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **(14)** Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. **(15)** If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. **(16)** And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. **(17)** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? **(18)** But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. **(19)** If they were all one part, where would the body be? **(20)** As it is, there are many parts, but one body. **(21)** The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” **(22)** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **(23)** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **(24)** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **(25)** so that there should be no division in the

body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **(26)** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. **(27)** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **(28)** And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. **(29)** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? **(30)** Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

I) We Must Allow The Holy Spirit To Lead Our Worship Of God

Psalm 95:1-2 (The Message) — (1) Come, let's shout praises to GOD, raise the roof for the Rock who saved us! **(2)** Let's march into his presence singing praises, lifting the rafters with our hymns!

II) The Holy Spirit Helps Us Delight In The Lord Each Day

Psalm 118:24 (NIV) — (24) This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV) — (22) Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. **(23)** They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.