

FINDING YOUR FIT Romans 12:3-8

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Condemnation: The need for God's righteousness (1:18-3:20)
Justification: The imputation of God's righteousness (3:21-5:21)
Sanctification: The demonstration of God's righteousness (6-8)
God's righteousness is revealed in His sovereign choice (9-11)
God's righteousness is revealed in transformed living (12-15)

"Stop allowing yourselves to be molded by the influences and pressures of this present world system, but allow God to completely change your inward thinking and outward behavior by cooperating wholeheartedly moment by moment with the Spirit's renewing process. So that our lives will experience and demonstrate what God's will really is, that which is good acceptable, and perfect." (Chip Ingram)

Who I am (3)
Where I belong (4-5)
What I am to do (6-8)

Big Idea: I need to know who I am because I belong to a body where I have a unique role to play. I do it by using whatever gift I have been given to serve others and build God's kingdom.

³For 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. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the 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. (Romans 12:3-8)

Who am I (3)

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We need to think accurately about ourselves.

- Not more highly

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Message Outline

- Sober judgment
- Measure of faith

“For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Ps. 139:13-14 NASB)

Where do I belong (4-5)

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (4-5)

- The human body.
- One body in Christ.

The reason I need to see myself way God does is I have a unique role to play in his body (the church) that no one else can fill.

“You are needed! You have abilities and talents and background and experience and strengths that no one else in all the world has except you!” (Living On the Edge)

When we don't think accurately about ourselves:

1. God suffers
2. The whole body suffers
3. We suffer

What I am to do (6-8)

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- *Gifts differ according to the grace given*
- *Because of His love and in demonstration of His victory*
- *Let us use them.*

Application

1. Get to know your gifts.
2. Consider attending SHAPE