

Romans Refresh

Renewing Gospel-Centrality

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Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—living, holy, pleasing to God, *which is* your genuine worship.

(Romans 12:1)

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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.

(Romans 12:4-5)

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Current Threats to Our Unity

1. Response to COVID-19
2. Election/Politics
3. Racial Tensions

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⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cleave to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

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¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

(Romans 12:9-16)

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1. Abhor the evil; cleave to the good

- sincere love includes a hatred for evil and an embrace of what is good (as defined by God)
- do not hate or curse the person: *“bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not”*

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Romans 12:9-16

2. Be devoted to one another in love

- love one another affectionately as family
- outdo one another in showing honor
- share in the practical needs of others
- show mutual sympathy to one another

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Romans 12:9-16

“rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer” (v. 12)

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- God’s mercy in Christ is the fountain and fuel for this sincere love for one another

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