

"For By Grace"

Romans 12: 3 - 8

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- **God Requires That His Children Live In The Unyielding Power Of Grace, (vs. 3 - 8)**
 - For By The Power Of God's Grace We Live In True Unity, (vs. 3 - 5)
 - *We live under the authority of God's grace, (vs. 3a)*
 - *We move under the provision of God's grace, (vs. 3d)*

 - We function under the living unity of God's grace, (vs. 4 - 5)
 - ✚ God's grace produces great diversity in one body, (vs. 4a)
 - ❖ *"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and all were made to drink of one Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)*
 - ❖ *"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)*

 - ✚ God's grace produces great flexibility in one body, (vs. 4b)
 - ❖ *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills." (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)*

 - ✚ God's grace produces great unity in one body, (vs. 5a)
 - ❖ *"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." (1 Corinthians 10:17)*
 - ❖ *"And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." (Ephesians 1:22-23)*

 - ✚ God's grace produces great harmony in one body, (vs. 5b)
 - ❖ *"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:25-32)*

- For By The Power Of God's Grace We Use The Gifts We Have To Benefit Others, (vs. 6 - 8)