

# ***Finding Your Place in the Body of Christ***

## ***Three Prerequisites – Romans 12:3-8***

**Introduction:** After providing a basic pattern for spiritual growth (11:33-12:2), Paul now explains how we all ought to function within the body of Christ. At GCC our ministry flow is *worship*, *connect* and *serve*. This passage helps us think clearly about the *connect* component. There are 3 prerequisites for finding our place in the body of Christ.

### **1. 1<sup>ST</sup> PREREQUISITE – Think properly about yourself. Romans 12:3**

- A. Paul begins with a two-fold command. 12:3b
- B. Paul gives a reason for the command. 12:3c
- C. Paul models proper humility in his command. 12:3a
- D. Application – If we are going to find our place in the body of Christ, it begins with humility.

### **2. 2<sup>ND</sup> PREREQUISITE – Understand the nature of Christ’s body. Rom. 12:4-5**

- A. Paul uses a vivid word picture to describe a supernatural organization. 12:5a
- B. We have to define our terms: What is the universal and local body of Christ? 12:5
- C. Five facets to the body of Christ. 12:5

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- D. We must respect each other’s gifts. 12:5b

### **3. ACTIVITY – Find a place to serve in line with your gifts. Romans 12:6-8**

- A. Paul lists seven gifts in this passage.
- B. Application – We need to find our place in the body of Christ.