

**Being Transformed Regarding Your LOCAL CHURCH:
A FAITHFUL COOPERATION
(Romans 12:4-9)**

VII. Spiritual Transformation & Application (12 -16) – The Righteousness of God RELATED TO LIFE

A. The Exhortation of Grace for PRESENTATION and TRANSFORMATION in order to DISCERN and DO GOD’S WILL. (12:1-2)

B. The Explanation of TRANSFORMATION in DISCERNING & DOING GOD’S WILL Regarding

1. YOURSELF ... _____ . (12:3)

- How does this verse relate to vs.1-2 as well as vs.4 and ff?

2. Your LOCAL CHURCH ... _____ . (12:4-9)

******* Scriptural Truths about the Church *******

1. The OT *mystery* of the Church was *first revealed* when Jesus Christ uttered the words, “I _____
_____”. (Matthew 16:18) This is what Jesus Christ is *presently doing* since the Day of Pentecost during this dispensation of the _____ of God. (Ephesians 3:2-5)
2. The Universal Church *consists* of believing _____ and _____ who are “fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise _____ through the _____.” (Ephesians 3:6)
3. The Universal Church finds *visible expression* in _____ where believers in Christ practically unite for corporate worship (John 4:23-24), Bible reading and teaching, personal fellowship, observing the ordinances, prayer (Acts 2:42, 1 Tim. 2:1-3, 8, 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:2-4), church discipline (1 Cor. 5:4-5), congregational singing (Col.3:16), grace giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2), missionary outreach and church planting (Acts 13-14), etc.
4. The *structure* of the Local Church consists of _____, _____, and the _____ under the Headship / Lordship of _____. (Phil.1:1; Eph. 1:22; Rev. 2-3)
5. The *gathering* of the Local Church was _____, _____, and _____ which was to result in the _____ of God and _____ of believers. (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17,18, 20, 33, 14:26, 40)
 - What are believers commanded to do and warned not to do regarding the local church? (Heb.10:24-25)

a. Apprehending this passage:

1. The *picture* of a human body with many members is designed to teach the _____ and _____ of the church. How does this relate to Jesus Christ?
2. The *principle* is that every believer in the body of Christ has a different _____ that needs to be exercised faithfully for the proper functioning of the whole church.
 - What is a spiritual gift? It is a God given _____ on the basis of grace to every believer at salvation to be utilized through spirituality & growth for the _____ of others to the glory of God. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)
 - What does this imply about our attitude & perspective toward other believers and their gifts? The need to _____ the value and differences of spiritual gifts among believers and _____ those differences so as to _____ interdependently and not compare or compete with others. What is necessary for this to practically work? You must allow the Holy Spirit to give you a _____ for others & a willingness to _____ with and _____ others in love.
3. The *partial listing* of SEVEN spiritual gifts. (12:6-9) Where else are spiritual gifts mentioned?
 - Some spiritual gifts were _____; some are _____.
 - There are 3 categories of gifts: _____ gifts, _____ gifts, and _____ gifts.
4. The *proper understanding* of these spiritual gifts consists of:
 - The gift of *prophecy* – The special ability to receive & proclaim God’s revelation. How done?
 - The gift of *ministry* – The special ability to serve/assist others when needs arise. Application?
 - The gift of *teaching* – The special ability to communicate clearly God’s Word. Application?
 - The gift of *exhortation* – The special ability to encourage others or to urge believers to pursue some course of conduct. Application?
 - The gift of *giving* – The special ability to use their material / financial stewardship for the purpose of generous contribution to the Lord’s work or ministering to others. How done?
 - The gift of *ruling* – The special ability to wisely serve in administrative capacities. How done?
 - The gift of *showing mercy* – The special ability to meet needs with compassion. How done?

b. Applying these principles:

1. Regarding appreciating, gathering, and participating in your local church?
2. Regarding appreciating other’s sp. gifts and using your own spiritual gift? (1 Peter 4:7-11)