



A Transformed Life:  
Gifts of Grace to Serve Others  
Sunday, January 23, 2022

*For as in one body, we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them...* - Romans 12:4 – 6

*My body employs a bewildering zoo of cells, none of which individually resembles the larger body. Just so, Christ's Body comprises an unlikely assortment of humans. Unlikely is precisely the right word, for we are decidedly unlike one another and the One we follow... the Body of Christ, like our own bodies, is composed of individual, unlike cells that are knit together to form one Body. He is the whole thing, and the joy of the Body increases as individual cells realize they can be diverse without becoming isolated outposts.* - Dr. Paul Brand, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Sermon Outline:

1. The Christian in Relation to God: A Living Sacrifice (12:1 – 2)
  
2. The Christian in Relation to Self: Sober Self-Awareness (12:3)
  
3. The Christian in Relation to Others: Ministering to One Another (12: 4 – 8)
  - a. The Source of Spirit-Filled Ministry: The Grace of God (vs. 6)
  
  - b. The Shape of Spirit-Filled Ministry: The Gift (s) God Gives (vs. 4)
  
  - c. The Sign of Spirit-Filled Ministry: The Fruit of our Service (vs. 4 – 8)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- Why is the human anatomy the illustration Paul uses to describe the Church?
- How does our unity in the midst of diversity help us in our mission on earth?
- Do you know the gift (s) God has given you for service in the Body of Christ? Share.