

NOTES:

Sound Thinking about Yourself and Others Leads to a Healthy Church

Romans 12:3-8

What is the Focus of these six verses?

- The passage is about the _____ and how Christians should think about themselves and other believers.
- Two things are necessary for a church to be healthy ...
 1. Right thinking about _____
 2. Right thinking about _____

FIRST, think rightly about _____ (v.3).

How do we _____ ourselves as we really are?

Two interpretations of the last phrase in v.3.

1. God gives each believer a _____ (or measure) of faith.
2. Faith is the _____ God has established to show us who we are.

What does faith in Jesus tell us about ourselves?

- First, we are utterly _____ spiritually.
- Second, even though we are bankrupt spiritually, we are dearly and deeply _____ (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8).
- Both _____ are necessary to have right (sound) thinking of yourself.

SECOND, think rightly about other Christians (vv.4-8).

- The word _____ is not actually in this passage, but that is what Paul is talking about.
- The most common metaphor for church in the Bible is the _____ of _____.
- The biblical principle is there is _____ amidst much _____.
- How?

The answer is found in the little prepositional phrase in verse 5, _____.

Three take aways from the phrase "in Christ," which will help you think rightly about other believers.

1. The _____ of the body of Christ is created in Jesus Christ (vv. 4-5a).
2. Individuality is _____ in Christ (v.5b).
3. God's _____ sustains all ministry in Christ (v.6a).

Three probing questions

1. First and foremost, are you _____?
2. Are you an active, participating _____ in a local church?
3. Are you contributing to the _____ of the church by rightly thinking about _____ and _____?

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