

# **Saved to Serve**

Series: *I Love My Church*

Text: *Romans 12:1-8 | 1 Corinthians 12*

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## **INTRODUCTION - Gal. 5:13**

### **I. THE EXHORTATION (Rom. 12:1-2)**

- A. The exhortation is for every believer (brethren).
- B. The exhortation is for each believer to present his body (physical body).
- C. The exhortation is to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

### **II. THE FOUNDATION (Rom. 12:1)**

- A. God's mercies form the foundation of our service to Him and to each other.
- B. The word "mercies" is plural. It refers to God's compassion and pity toward us when we were lost in sin.
- C. Our service to God and others is a response to God's past, present, and future acts of grace and compassion.

### **III. THE PROVISION (Rom. 12:2)**

- A. Transformation occurs through conversion (*1 Cor. 5:17*)
- B. Transformation comes through renovation (a renewing of the mind)
- C. Transformation happens through impartation
  - 1) The giving of the Holy Spirit at salvation (*1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20*)
  - 2) The bestowal of spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit (*1 Cor. 12*)

### **IV. THE EXPLANATION (Rom. 12:3-8)**

- A. Every person serves the body of Christ (*Rom. 12:4-5 | 1 Cor. 12:12-20*)
- B. Every person in the church must serve God and one another in humility (*Rom. 12:3*)
- C. Service is performed as each member depends on the others (*1 Cor. 12:15-23*)
- D. As each member of the body uses their gifts properly, unity, prosperity, and joy will follow.