

Romans # 21

Romans 12³⁻⁸

Members of one another

Lord's day morning: 4 Feb 2007
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Children's talk: Something wonderfully made by God

Introduction

Not conformed but transformed – What does it look like?

1. What of self-esteem? (12³)

Too high an opinion?

Think – but don't think too much

Too low an opinion?

Think – and think again

2. What of membership? (12⁴⁻⁵)

Members of what?

Kiss dating goodbye

Members for what?

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3. What of gifts? (12⁶⁻⁸)

Gifted with what?

A good hand of cards

Gifted for what?

Just do it!

Conclusion

God's will becoming clearer



Questions answered



In what way does the world teach an unbiblically low self-esteem?



In what way does the world teach an unbiblically high self-esteem?



Upon what is Biblical self-esteem based?
How does the gospel teach us a right view of ourselves?



Is being transformed by the renewing of our minds purely a personal matter?



What is dangerous about playing the dating game?



Should we be passionate about what Jesus was passionate about?
Was Jesus passionate about the church? How did He show this?



Is Paul talking primarily about the universal church or the local church?



What's wrong with saying "*I can be just as good a Christian without being a member of the church*"?
What is the real question?



For what purpose has God given us the particular gifts that we have?



How can a consumer-mentality invade the church?



What aspects of God's will for us have become clear already in this passage?



Things to pray about



Developing a Biblically-balanced view of ourselves.



Striving for unity of heart & purpose in the midst of diversity of gifts and personalities.



Accepting diversity of interests and passionate concerns in the midst of the unity of the gospel.



Search the Scriptures



What did Paul mean by his exhortation to "eagerly desire the greater gifts" (1 Cor 12³¹)? What does this mean for us today?