

Romans – Our Great Salvation
Message: Called to Community
Text: Romans 12:4-16 (AM 12/3/17)

Romans is a soaring dissertation of the essential doctrines of the faith. Paul tackles Man's Condemnation; Justification; Sanctification; and Glorification. Paul concludes his theologically rich epistle, to the Romans, with essential *Application*. The 12th Chapter of Romans stands as a clarion call-to-action for those who aspire to *discover* their purpose and *develop* their love-relationship with Jesus. In Heaven, Jesus has *prepared* for you a Home. On earth, Christ has *placed* you in His Body. Jesus has a place for you! *He has created and called you to be an integral part of His Church – find His purpose and peace.*

I. The Construction of His Family (4-6a)

God has placed our Church here for His purpose

- A unique community (5) “So we being many are one Body...”
- A unique complexity (4) “Members do not have the same function”
- A unique calling (6a) “Gifts differing according to His Grace...”

II. Our Contribution to His Family (6b-8)

God has a purpose for you in this place

- A supernatural confirmation (1 Cor 12:11) “Distributing to each one..”
- A supernatural contribution (6b-8) “Having gifts...let us use them”
- Ministry (Rom 12); Manifestation gifts (1Cor 12); Motivational (Eph 4)
- A supernatural complement (1 Cor 12:7) “Given...for the profit of all”

III. The Conduct of His Family (9-16)

God has priorities for His people

- A Divine conduct (9) “Let love be without hypocrisy...”
- A Divine compassion (10; 13-15) “Giving preference to one another”
- A Divine commitment (11) “Not lagging in diligence...(but) serving”
- A Divine confidence (12-14) “Patient in trials...steadfast in prayer”
- A Divine character (16) “Be of the same mind toward one another...”

Application to life: Jesus *Created* you and *Converted* you for an eternal relationship. In this life, He *Calls* you to find your place and purpose in His Church. At Canaan, we understand that to be on the Journey – Loving, Sharing, and *Serving Others*. **Are you a part of the Body? You can today join us by Faith & Baptism; Transfer or Statement.** *God doesn't speak to be heard but for us to respond to Him in loving obedience.*