

**The Gospel in Romans-Part 22**  
**Rom. 12:3-8**  
**3 Vital Foundations for Life in Gospel Community**

- Foundation 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Mandated (v. 3)
  - In Paul's day, humility was not considered a \_\_\_\_\_, it was a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - That's why in 1 Cor. 1, Paul wrote that the word of the cross was a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - But for Paul, humility was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the redeemed and renewed \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is the opposite of humility.
  - Pride is, in its essence, \_\_\_\_\_. And that makes others our \_\_\_\_\_. Including \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Pride is self-\_\_\_\_\_, self-\_\_\_\_\_, self-\_\_\_\_\_.
  - The key to overcoming pride is to \_\_\_\_\_ that we are prideful, and then think of ourselves \_\_\_\_\_, rather than thinking less of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Foundation 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Required (vv.4-5)

Paul uses the human body as a \_\_\_\_\_ for the church.

  - Paul presupposes that the gospel is meant to be lived out in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - But gospel community must be characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The primary way for the church to be unified is by cultivating \_\_\_\_\_.
- Foundation 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Achieved (vv. 6-8)
  - God equips believers with different spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Gospel community in the church is achieved by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ our individual spiritual gifts to the best of our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Humility, unity, and community are central to our \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.
  - When people see Calvary Baptist Church, they need to see us living the new \_\_\_\_\_ that God created them to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- Foundation 1: Humility Mandated (v. 3)
  - In Paul's day, humility was not considered a virtue, it was a vice.
  - That's why in 1 Cor. 1, Paul wrote that the word of the cross was a scandal and foolishness.
  - But for Paul, humility was the hallmark of the redeemed and renewed humanity.
  - Pride is the opposite of humility.
  - Pride is, in its essence, competitive. And that makes others our enemies. Including God.
  - Pride is self-inflicted, self-confident, self-destruction.
  - The key to overcoming pride is to admit that we are prideful, and then think of ourselves less, rather than thinking less of ourselves.
- Foundation 2: Unity Required (vv.4-5)
  - Paul uses the human body as a metaphor for the church.
  - Paul presupposes that the gospel is meant to be lived out in community.
  - But gospel community must be characterized by unity.
  - The primary way for the church to be unified is by cultivating humility.
- Foundation 3: Community Achieved (vv. 6-8)
  - God equips believers with different spiritual gifts.
  - Gospel community in the church is achieved by identifying, cultivating, and exercising our individual spiritual gifts to the best of our ability.
  - Humility, unity, and community are central to our testimony to the world.
  - When people see Calvary Baptist Church, they need to see us living the new life that God created them to live.