

# **Romans**

## **Faith, Family, and Fullness**

### **Part 11**

#### *Romans 12*

We are called to respond to all God has done for us.

- *Romans 12:1-5, niv*

A holistic response involving our bodies and our minds.

This holistic response of offering our entire selves to God originates from a heart of gratitude.

Mercy can be described as not getting what we deserve.

Giving ourselves back to God is what worship really is!

Our grateful response, this way of living our lives back to God, is communal, not just individual.

This act of collectively giving our lives back to God is received by Him as a single offering.

Formation is not optional. How we are formed is.

We will identically resemble the things in our lives that form us.

Spiritual formation is about first being, then doing.

- *Colossians 3:1-5 (The Message)*

Formation is about both starving and feeding our souls.

Our formation takes place in the context of community.

We have to take our cues about forming our identity from God, not from ourselves or others.

Dealing with people is hard.

Christian unity transcends tolerance. It is about interdependence and interconnectedness with others.

God, who exists in three persons that live in perfect unity as Father, Son, and Spirit, is most clearly embodied in us through our unified life together.

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