

## **A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 14**

### **Belong and Love**

#### **Romans 12: 3-21**

Question: How do you respond to people or groups that attack your faith?

#### **A. The Simple Act of Serving – Romans 12:3-8**

##### 1. Proper Alignment with God is Required

What can you do to make sure you are in a proper alignment with God?

##### 2. Each member of the church belongs to each other.

- “Unity Through Diversity.”
- Lone Ranger Christianity is a contradiction of terms.
- All members are a part of Christ, there therefore all belong to each other.

##### 3. Gifts that Paul mentions:

- Prophecy, teach, serve, encourage, give, lead, and kindness.
- Talent + Interest = Gift (And feedback from others.)

#### **B. Love in Action – Romans 12:9-21**

##### 1. Sincere Love (Demonstrated within the church) (Romans 12:9-13)

- Hate Evil, Cling to Good, Have Passion, Joyful in Hope, Patient in trials, Pray, and take care of your family.

##### 2. Loving Outside the church. (Romans 12:14-21)

- The Early Christian Church experienced persecution.
- Who are our enemies?

How do we respond to those in opposition to our faith and therefore our beliefs?

- Avoid taking revenge. (evil for evil.)
- Have empathy for others.
- Do what is right to everyone. (there is a way to act and treat others regardless of how they act or treat you.)
- Allow God to be the judge and allow God to punish.

How do we overcome evil? By allowing God to change evil hearts.

