

# Biblical Notes – Romans 12:1-4

**1-4 – Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. [2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. [3] For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. [4] For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function.** (1. Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν τοῦ θεοῦ παραστῆσαι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν θυσίαν ζῶσαν ἁγίαν τῷ θεῷ, εὐάρεστον τὴν λογικὴν λατρείαν ὑμῶν· 2. καὶ μὴ συσχηματίζεσθε τῷ αἰῶνι τούτῳ, ἀλλὰ μεταμορφοῦσθε τῇ ἀνακαινώσει τοῦ νοῦς εἰς τὸ δοκιμάζειν ὑμᾶς τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ, τὸ ἀγαθὸν καὶ εὐάρεστον καὶ τέλειον. 3. Λέγω γὰρ διὰ τῆς χάριτος τῆς δοθείσης μοι παντὶ τῷ ὄντι ἐν ὑμῖν μὴ ὑπερφρονεῖν παρ' ὃ δεῖ φρονεῖν ἀλλὰ φρονεῖν εἰς τὸ σωφρονεῖν ἐκάστῳ ὡς ὁ θεὸς ἐμέρισεν μέτρον πίστεως 4. καθάπερ γὰρ ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι πολλὰ μέλη ἔχομεν, τὰ δὲ μέλη πάντα οὐ τὴν αὐτὴν ἔχει πράξιν)

Very quickly when scanning through the context of the passage we can see who the comments are directed to. Paul addresses his audience in vs.1 as Brethren which means he is speaking to the Church and more specifically the church at Rome. Vs.2 carries on by telling us that WE the church must be transformed and not follow the ways of the world again inclusive language of the ἐκλεκτός. By Vs.3 we can now analyze the [everyone among you] as the church at Rome whom he was speaking to and then the larger application of the Church. God has allotted [each] ἕκαστος which has a particularity because of the context.

Strong's Definitions: ἕκαστος hékastos,hek'-as-tos; as if a superlative of ἕκας hékas (afar); each or every:—any, both, each (one), every (man, one, woman), particularly.

Therefore we can conclude that Paul is telling us that [each member of the Church has been allotted a measure of faith].