

**Theme: Life in the Spirit (Romans)**

**Title: “e Pluribus Unum, in Christus”**

**Reading: Ephesians 4.11-16 † Text: Romans 12.3-8**

We Sacrifice Personally for **Unity** (vv. 3-5)

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We Sacrifice Collectively to **Serve** (vv. 5-8)

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**What’s Next?:** What is in your life that you need to discard to allow you to be a sacrifice who is living for God? Who’s your one? I encourage you to consider who that person is and begin to pray for the person and for yourself so that you will be ready when the time comes.

**Prayer:** “God, let me unite with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, serving You as I serve them. And allow our service to not only bring glory to You, but to allow others to know you and glorify You as well.”

**Weekly Nugget:** In Romans 12.6-8, Paul talks about various gifts we call spiritual gifts. However, in this passage the gifts are assigned by God (typically referring to God as Father, 12.3). In Ephesians 4, Jesus is the giver (the He in verse 11, consider Paul’s pronoun usage of verses 8-10, referencing Christ in verse 7. And in 1 Corinthians 12, it is the Spirit who gives the gifts (v 11, for instance). Thus, the entire Godhead is involved in the gifts given to God’s children that many versions translate as spiritual can also be translated as rational or reasonable. Thus, offering our bodies as a living sacrifice is a form of spiritual worship, but it is reasonable that we do so because of all that God has done for us.