

## *Sermon Notes*

### ***City on a Hill: Romans 12***

“The Body” – Romans 12:4-5

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The Text

1. Romans 12:4-5

##### B. Introduction to the Body of Christ

1. Unity in diversity.

2. Thoughts from Dr. Paul Brand.

a. From the book, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*.

##### C. Diagramming Romans 12:3-8

1. Thinking rightly about ourselves.

2. Thinking rightly about fellow believers.

3. Thinking rightly about our gifts.

#### II. Exposition.

##### A. The “body”

1. John Stott

2. Paul writing to Ephesus – Ephesians 4:4-6.

a. One Body

b. One Spirit

c. One Hope

d. One Lord

e. One Faith

f. One Baptism

g. One God

1. John Stott

##### B. “Just,” verse 4.

1. Verse 3 is closely connected to verse 4.

a. Thinking rightly about ourselves leads to right thinking about others.

##### C. Characteristics of the body

1. Unity, vs. 4-5.

a. Symptoms of disunity.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ effect.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ effect.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ effect.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ effect.

b. What does it mean to be a part of Christ’s body?

1. II Peter 1:4; John 15:5; John 17:21a, 22b, 23a.

2. Diversity

a. We are all different – no cookie cutter conformity here.

b. F.F. Bruce, New Testament scholar.

c. The church should be the most profound example of unity.

1. Note: Words that should not have meaning, but do – University.

3. Mutuality

a. We belong to one another.

b. There is ownership.

c. We can’t live for ourselves.

1. Romans 12:15

#### III. Point for Reflection

A. We are indeed one, yet with many parts and different functions.