

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 2/21/10

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Romans 12:1-21*

TITLE: “IS OUR FELLOWSHIP HEALTHY?”

INTRO:

1. How much do peaceful relationships with others depend upon you? *Romans 12:18*.
2. What is a well-ordered home?
3. What is a well-ordered _____?

PROPOSITION: God commands churches to function in unity and harmony. God commands believers to minister to each other. How are _____ doing?

I. A HEALTHY FELLOWSHIP WELCOMES NEW PEOPLE,

Romans 12:1-3.

A. Do We Care About People?

1. A church is not an exclusive _____.
2. Do you have a _____ for lost, needy, lonely, and defeated people?

B. What About Discipleship And Assimilation?

1. *Matthew 28:19 & 20*, Win them and then _____ them.
2. Christian basics: Bible reading, prayer, church involvement, baptism, victory over temptation, membership, consecration, etc.
3. Discovering spiritual gifts and _____ them in ministry...

II. A HEALTHY FELLOWSHIP WORKS THROUGH CONFLICT, *Romans 12:4-8*.

- A. Resolve Differences In A Christ-Honoring Way, *Matthew 18:15-20*.
- B. The Call For Harmony Implies Diversity, *cf. Ephesians 4:1-6*.

III. A HEALTHY FELLOWSHIP PLACES WORTH ON RELATIONSHIPS, *Romans 12:9, 10, 15, 16*.

- A. Ministry Begins And Ends With People.
- B. Strive For Intimacy With God And Fellow Believers.

IV. A HEALTHY FELLOWSHIP WRAPS ITSELF AROUND SACRIFICE, *Romans 12:14-21*.

- A. Sacrifice For The Lord.
 - 1. _____ hardness, *II Timothy 2:1-7*.
 - 2. Beware materialism, *Mark 8:34-38*.
 - 3. Give _____, tithe, and talents!
 - 4. Expect resistance, opposition, and persecution, *II Timothy 3:10-14*.
- B. Sacrifice For Loved Ones In The Lord.
 - 1. New believers will misunderstand and _____ you.
 - 2. Unsaved contact will take advantage of you.
 - 3. Strong believers will make mistakes in judgment that will _____ you.

V. A HEALTHY FELLOWSHIP WRESTLES TO PROTECT TOGETHERNESS, (Unity & Harmony), *Romans 12:9-13*.

- A. Believers Need To Spend Time Together, *II Timothy 3:10-14*.
- B. Refuse To Allow Excuses To Keep You From Surrender And Service.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Are you a believer in Christ/Born Again?
- 2. Are you an obedient member of the body?