# One Body, Many Members – Romans 12:3-8 James Muldoon - Carey Baptist Church – 19 September 2010

## <u>Introduction</u>

- Why might people be tempted to think that the church has a design fault?
- What is this morning's passage going to show us?
- What did v1-2 demand from us?

#### i Sober

- Who does Paul speak to in v3?
- Who does he have particularly in his sights?
- What is the opposite problem which is very common amongst Christians today?
- Paul wants us to think of ourselves "with sober judgment". What does that mean?
- Do you need to repent in this area?

### ii Shared

- What does Paul compare the church to in v4?
- What is Paul's main emphasis in **v5**?
- Why is that a revolutionary way of thinking about church in the UK today?
- What is church all about according to Paul?
- How, then, should we think about church?
- Why might this be appealing in an individualistic land?
- What might it mean in practical terms to live out the church's corporate identity?
- If you are not "in Christ", what must you do?

# iii Straightforward

- What do we learn about spiritual gifts in v6?
- What does this do to our pride?
- What is Paul going to teach about the way to use our spiritual gifts?
- Jot down the seven spiritual gifts mentioned by Paul in v6-8, what each gift means, and how each gift is to be used.

	Gift	Meaning	Use
<b>0</b> v6			
<b>2</b> v7			
<b>8</b> v7			
<b>4</b> v8			
<b>6</b> v8			
<b>6</b> v8			
<b>9</b> v8			

- What, then, is Paul's main point?
- What should you do if you do not know what gifts you have?
- What should your attitude be if you have a "background" spiritual gift?