## Paul's Plea by Mitch Peltonen

**Romans 12:1-8 (LSB)** 

12 <sup>1</sup>Therefore I exhort you, brothers, <u>by the **mercies** of God</u>, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—living, holy, *and* pleasing to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, so that you may approve what the will of God is, that which is good and pleasing and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For through the **grace** given to me I say to each one among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound thinking, as <u>God has allotted to each a measure of</u> **faith.** <sup>4</sup> For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another, <sup>6</sup> but having gifts that differ according to the **grace given to us**: whether prophecy, in agreement with the faith; <sup>7</sup> or service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with generosity; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Mercy:	what you rightly deserve.
Grace:	what you rightly deserve.
Two other gifts:	and