

Romans Refresh

Renewing Gospel-Centrality

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(Romans 12:1)

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Romans 12:1-15:13

“Exhortations for Life Under the Gospel”

1. Christian conduct is based on and motivated by what God has done for us in Christ
2. The exposition of the gospel includes its power in life; a transformation in conduct

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Romans 12:1-21

1. Foundational Response (v. 1-2)

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¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

(Romans 12:1-2)

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Romans 12:1-21

1. Foundational Response (v. 1-2)

- a presentation of our entire persons as a sacrifice to God – our genuine “worship”
- resist conformity to this age and be transformed by renewing the mindset (values/beliefs) of the kingdom of God

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Romans 12:1-21

2. Relationship to those in the "body" (v. 3-16)

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³ For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. ⁴ For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

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⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *let each exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or if one teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or if one exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

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⁹ *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cleave to what is good. ¹⁰ *Be* devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

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¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless curse not. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

(Romans 12:3-16)

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Romans 12:1-21

2. Relationship to those in the "body" (v. 3-16)

- as members of one body, we have a profound unity amidst a necessary diversity
- the foundational characteristic of believers is a sincere love for one another

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Romans 12:1-21

3. Relationship to our "enemies" (v. 17-21)

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¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of *God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. ²⁰ "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

(Romans 12:17-21)

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Romans 12:1-21

3. Relationship to our "enemies" (v. 17-21)

- seek their spiritual good, not harm
- seek peace, not revenge
- seek for ways to do good for them

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Romans 12:1-21

How is your worship?

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