

Soul-Full: Living Out a Robust Faith

A Study in Romans

Week 8 – Romans 12 – Clinging to the Good

Transitioning from doctrine to duty -

I. Therefore...

Romans 3:20 – Therefore, or “because by the works of the Law...”

Condemnation

Romans 5:1 – “Therefore, having been justified by faith...”

Justification

Romans 8:1 – “Therefore, there is now no condemnation...”

Assurance

Romans 12:1 – “Therefore I urge you, brethren...”

Dedication

“In the Christian life, doctrine and duty always go together. What we believe helps to determine how we behave. It is not enough for us to understand Paul’s doctrinal explanations. We must translate our learning into living and show by our daily lives that we trust God’s Word.” (Warren Wiersbe, *Be Right*, p. 147)

II. Living Sacrifice – “spiritual service of worship” (Rom. 12:1)

Must be done daily – Luke 9:23

“The sacrifices of the new order do not consist in taking the lives of others, like the ancient animal sacrifices, but in giving one’s own (cf. Heb. 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5). (F. F. Bruce, *Romans*, p. 223)

“It is not only the proper thing to do, it is the practical thing to do. It makes possible the translation of the principles of Romans 1-8 into the practice of Romans 12-16.” (John Phillips, *Exploring Romans*, p. 181)

III. Transformed (Rom. 12:2)

“This word transform is the same as transfigure in Matthew 17:2. It has come into our English language as the word metamorphosis. It describes a change from within.” (Warren Wiersbe, *Be Right*, p. 148)

IV. Spiritual Gifts – One Body in Christ (Rom. 12:3-8)

| Romans 12:3-8 | 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:7-16 |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Prophecy | Word of Wisdom |
| Service | Word of Understanding |
| Teaching | Faith |
| Exhortation | Healing |
| Giving | Miracles |
| Leading | Prophecy |
| Mercy | Discerning of spirits |
| | Tongues |
| | Interpretation of tongues |
| | Apostles |
| | Evangelists |
| | Pastors/Teachers |

V. Spirit-filled Life (Rom. 12:9-21)

“Love is the circulatory system of the spiritual body, which enables all the members to function in a healthy, harmonious way.” (Warren Wiersbe, *Be Right*, p. 152)

Love without hypocrisy, giving preference to one another
 Don't be slothful but diligent
 Serving the Lord
 Rejoicing in hope
 Persevering in tribulation
 Devoted to prayer
 Contributing to the needs of the saints
 Practicing hospitality
 Bless those who persecute you
 Rejoice and weep
 Do not be haughty, associate with the lowly
 Don't pay back evil for evil
 Respect what is right
 If possible, be at peace with all
 Never take your own revenge

“Do not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good” (v. 21)