

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 12:1-8

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ONE LIFE TO LIVE — FOR NOW — PART 4

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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Spiritual Worship, Godly Service, Dedication, Devotion, Sacrifice, The Will of God.

Before Us is The Reading of Our Passage Today

Romans 12:1-8

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

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

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

1.) So Give God Your Attention

vs. 1a

2.) So Give God Your Body

vs. 1b

3.) So Give God Your Will

vs. 2

ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

4.) So Give God Your Love

vs. 3

*In the words of that great philosopher, Tina Turner,
“What’s Love Got to Do with It?”*

Everything

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:16

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

SO GIVE GOD YOUR LOVE

4a.) Seeing Him for who He is

vs. 3

Verse 3

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Paul is Saying – Hey Hello. Can You Hear Me? Excuse Me

“I have been absolutely laid-low before the LORD. I have seen His power at work in my life. I have nothing to give ya’ll except that which God has given me.” - -
“His grace is above all and beyond all things.

think grk: ph/ro/ne/o
conceited, to have an attitude & thoughts in a high place.

highly grk: hu/per/ph/ro/ne/o
to be unjustifiably proud, to have high thoughts or elevated thought of yourself.

soberly grk: so/ph/ro/ne/o
clear minded, temperate, having sound judgment, decisions made based upon wisdom & sensibility. - - to be in the mind.

measure grk: mer/i/zo
to be weighed out by portion or to be handed out, scooped out or dished out. allotted or allocated specifically.

All of this must = Humility in Us
The greatest of all motivations is discovering;

Who God Is // What kind of God is He // Why God is Who and What He is?

The All-Sufficient Attribute of God

The Aseity of God means - - - He doesn't need us.

It is His Independent-Existence apart from all that there is. He is not reliant upon anything or anyone for any reason. In Him alone is absolute fulfillment, absolute meaning, absolute reality, absolute being.

He is The Uncreated-Creator

Colossians 1:16b-18

All things were created through Him and for Him. **17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. **18** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Revelation 4:11

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Exodus 3:14a

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."
(the self-existing one, self-being, self-sustaining, self-sovereign)

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

Acts 17:24-25

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. **25** Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

He needs nothing from us – everything that is,
is for His pleasure. (Period)

Psalm 50:12

“If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

1. Why do you exist today? = An Evolutionary Accident?
2. Why are you alive right now? = Is it Lady Luck?

The Answer Is;

“The Bible makes it abundantly clear that God #1 - created man and that #2 - He created man for His glory. Therefore, the ultimate purpose of man, according to the Bible, is simply to glorify God.”

Can You Feel It Right Now? There is a Sense of Either...
The Acceptance of This Truth vs. The Rejection of This Truth

The Unchangeable Attribute of God

Malachi 3:6a

“For I am the LORD, I do not change.”

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Which answers the issues of our lives;

He is Trustworthy – He is Dependable – He is Stable – He is Unchanging –

James 1:17-18

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. **18** Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

The All-Eternal Attribute of God

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, (Father of Eternity or Governor over Time) Prince of Peace.

Revelation 1:8

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, **10** Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,"

The All-Present Attribute of God

He is not limited to known physics & location. He is non spatial, He is not limited by time, space or matter.

Because He is the Creator of them - He is Spirit in nature and He dwells in and out of creation.

Psalm 139: 7

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

The All-Knowing Attribute of God

1 Corinthians 2:10b

For the Holy Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:24

Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD.

Jeremiah 17:10

I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind

Jeremiah 16:17

For My eyes are on all your ways; you are not hidden from My face.

SO GIVE GOD YOUR LOVE

4b.) Honoring Him by one another

vs. 4

Verse 4a

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function

Those Believers Around Us Matter. They Ultimately Matter

Believers Lives Matter

There are things that we know about you - that you may not know about yourself.

Love One another

But what does that look like?

Galatians 6:1-5

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. **3** For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. **5** For each one shall bear his own load.

DO NOT devour One another

But what does that look like?

Galatians 5:14-15

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" **15** But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Carrying One another's burdens

But what does that look like?

Philippians 2:3-4

Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Suffer with One another

But what does that look like?

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Edify One another

But what does that look like?

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. **11** Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

SO GIVE GOD YOUR LOVE

4c.) Serving Him by serving one another

vs. 5

Verse 5

5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ,
and individually members of one another.

“Just like in a physical wedding – ‘the two shall become one flesh’, so also is the church. In Christ - the church experiences union and unity in the doctrines of God.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. **13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free - and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. **14** For in fact the body is not one member but many. **15** If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? **16** And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? **18** But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. **19** And if they were all one member, where would the body be? **20** But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. **21** And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” **22** No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. **23** And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unrepresentable parts have greater modesty, **24** but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, **25** that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. **26** And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

End of Study

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