

# 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 3

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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

## The Reading of Our Passage Before Us 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

### Romans 12:1a

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,

2.) So Give God Your Body

vs. 1b

**Romans 12:1b**

that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW**

3.) So Give God Your Will

vs. 2

Verse 2

**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.

**Of course, we are talking about the very essence of being**

a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no such thing as true and honest faith that is acceptable to God, but that which we yield to His Son Jesus.

No doubt, this is a tall order. In fact, I would submit to you today that it is impossible without the possessive nature of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We are of course, remembering this in chapter 12 that it has many verbal pictures of the Levitical priesthood and the framework of what the Old Testament, public display of worship looked like.

**Isaiah 66:1-2**

Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? **2** For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist," Says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

**John 15:4, John 14:18**

**Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 14:18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.**

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. **19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

# ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

3.) So Give God Your Will

vs. 2a

Verse 2a

**2a** And do not be conformed to this world,

We Are Talking About The Trichotomy of Man.  
So, there are 3 things we must establish up front.

#1 is what is the human **body**? // #2 is what is the human **mind**?

#3 is what is the human **will**?

Your **mind** controls your **body**, and your **will** controls your **mind**.

**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.

## SO GIVE GOD YOUR WILL

3a.) By an act of violence

vs. 2a

Verse 2a

**2** And do not be conformed to this world,

Of Course I am Talking About  
an overwhelming act of violence against myself.

### **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

But as it is written: "*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*" **10** But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God. – (The Surgical Things of God)

### **Matthew 7:13-14**

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

# !!! STOP IT NOW!!!

Stop Allowing The World, The Spirit of This World, The Demands of this World  
to Transform You into This World's Image.

If You Don't **STOP IT NOW** You Will be  
Overtaken by This World.

## 1 John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that *is* in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world.

## James 4:1-4

Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? **2** You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. **3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. **4** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Verse 2a

### 2a And do not be conformed

**Do Not** grk: ei de me(ge)  
stop doing that. abandon the way, stop and walk away.

**Be Conformed** grk: suschematizo;  
pressed into, to be placed into something that does not fit  
nor is it designed to fit.

**This World** grk: aion  
the on-going duration of a space of time, an age,  
that which is always descending

### Regarding You & Me;

#### **This World has Already Placed its Order for Us.**

Any type, any variation, any model, any version – there are innumerable amounts of selections. – You pick anything you want except this one (Jesus).

All you need to do is to select anyone of these lifestyles in any certain order you want - it doesn't matter. Just so long as you let the world make you like it.

### Diagnostics

- What do my **actions** of my life most resemble?
- Whose lifestyle and **manner of living** does my life look most like?
  - Whose world do I look like I belong to?

## SO GIVE GOD YOUR WILL

3b.) By an act of absolutes

vs. 2b

Verse 2b

**2b** but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

be transformed

Transformed

grk: meta'mor'phoo

to be transformed, to be transfigured, to go through a transformation – becoming more and more like the original pattern of blueprint.

### Noah Webster 1828

TRANSITION, *noun* tranzish'on. [Latin transitio.] Passage from one place or state to another; change; as the *transition* of the weather from hot to cold.

Sudden transitions are oftentimes attended with evil effects.

## Transitioning

**In other words – God's transitioning of you begins at salvation and continues until the moment of your graduation service.**

**This is called sanctification, and this is the Christian life."**

### 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

## Jesus' Example for Us to See

### Matthew 17:2

And Jesus was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Verse 2b

by the renewing of your mind,

**Renewing** grk: ana'kai'no'sis  
to bring back, to restore the former glory, to work into the vision of the master,  
renewal.

## Our Thinking is Being Called into Question Here.

### **Proverbs 23:7a**

For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

*"They've lost their minds" – actually,  
not really. It's how their hearts & minds work... for today".*

### **Over these last 19 days now, a couple hundred-thousand**

of us have been gathering on-line to pray for ourselves & each other After that time of prayer I  
have been enjoying an on-going interruption by the Holy Spirit as He puts worship songs and  
hymns in my heart and my mouth. –  
It's really been wonderful.

### **#liftdailyprayer.**

**Mind** grk: nous  
your understanding, your reason, your comprehension, (worldview)

### **Jeremiah 17:9**

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it.

### **Obadiah 1:3a**

The pride of your heart has deceived you.

### **Ephesians 2:3**

Also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh  
and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

### **Romans 1:18-22**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of  
men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is  
manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His  
invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His  
eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, **21** because, although they knew  
God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts,  
and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools.

# HOW DO I RENEW MY MIND ?

I am immediately reminded of what Paul said to the Church at Philippi.  
It's a very deep consideration for sure.

## **Philippians 2:5**

LET this mind BE in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

## **Get In to Shape Spiritually Speaking**

*Work the word into you. exercise yourself in godliness*

## **Proverbs 1:1-5**

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: **2** To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, **3** To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; **4** To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion - **5** A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

## **Galatians 5:1**

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

## **Have a Plan before You Go**

*Stay clear of guard rails and danger zones. Watch out for posted signs*

## **Halt Every Thought for Inspection**

*Slow down before you make a decision on everything.*

## **Reinforce What is Good – Trash What's Not.**

*Walk in wisdom by walking like Jesus*

## **Keep Old Passions & Thoughts in The Grave**

*By daily ignoring the old man's requests.*

## **SO GIVE GOD YOUR WILL**

3c.) By an act of war

vs. 2c

Verse 2c

that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

prove

grk: dokimazo

to test its metal, to analyze, to examine, to prove or disapprove. try by fire.

## DISCERNMENT IS NEEDED LIKE NEVER BEFORE IN OUR LIVES.

It was years ago now when I learned a life-saving-lesson.

Imagine that your mind is like a brand new house beautifully restored and made new.

– It's perfect.

But then comes along the news paper guy (email) who throws his paper at my house. It lands in the yard, the driveway, the steps even as far as the porch of the front door – temptation works like that. every day something is thrown at you. Just make sure you keep it away from your house. If it lands on the porch, pick it up and throw it back at the Lil' devil that threw it first.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:21-22**

Test all things; hold fast what is good. **22** Abstain from every form of evil.

What is true or false? // Who is real or fake?

**“Whatever it is you think about the most – is what shapes who you will become? Because our thinking will eventually determine our actions”**

### **1 John 4:7-8**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

### **Micah 6:8**

He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Jesus Christ is The Only Transformer.  
All others are Mutilators**

*End of Study*

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