

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 5

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.

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 perfect 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

And in the manifestation of God's love – Is where you will find the true Children of God.

In our human make-up, our spiritual complexion at minimum, there is the need of a two-way communication of love and care and affection that exists between personality to personality.

The Same is True in Our Personal Relationship with God.

Ephesians 2:19

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

The Results – No Man Can Fully Say. We Must Wait Until Heaven

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

We cannot discuss such things without quickly coming to the reality that the Bible is the revelation given to mankind by God that communicates one central point – God Loves Man and God has made a way for mankind to be rescued from his sins - - but also empowered to serve his fellow man.

Allow Me This Montage

John 3:15-21 NLT

So that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. 18 “There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son. 19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. 20 All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. 21 But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

Ephesians 2:7-9 NLT

So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. 8 God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

1 Corinthians 4:7

For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

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.

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 a personal relationship with God”

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!

Rather Carrying One Another 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.

All of These Things - Together - Make Up The Life & Love of God Through His Church – In This World...

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

5.) So Give God Your All (Us)

vs. 6-8

ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW SO GIVE GOD YOUR ALL

5a.) Discovering What's Been Given

vs. 6

Verse 6

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

First Things First; In Proportion To Your Faith

Proportion grk: ana'lo'gia

to be in balance with or to be in continuity with. to operate within the set limits and predetermined scope. to be in symphony or equilibrium, to be in a state of uniformity toward a specific cause or outcome. a team or unit.

God has given to each of us a measure of faith (see 12:3)

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.

1. We are to be faithful to invest our faith.
2. We are to be wise in using our faith.
3. We are to be loving in the witness of our faith.

6 Having then gifts differing

Having grk: e'cho

to be in possession of, to hold in hand, in the sense of wearing or having been adorned with, to be in possession of = exercise, to work it out, to use, to stretch forth (as into a gathering, to meet a need, to be of help)

Ephesians 4:4-7,11-15

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. **7** But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift, **11** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head even Christ.

“The Holy Spirit is the Distributor of all spiritual gifts & He as the Conductor, appoints them to every true child of God. When He does this - - He will [excite you, prompt you, brood] in your life to the use of the gift(s) given to you. Every Christian possesses at least one spiritual gift.

Note This;

It will not be a human, natural talent or human skill.
It will be a God given supernatural gift apart from our ability.

2 Timothy 1:7

Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Gifts

grk: cha'ris'ma

a gift of grace, unearned, without merit, a special favor bestowed, a free gift, a spiritual gift.

So Unwrap Your Gift – What Is It?
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We're Going to Pray Now for Our Gifting

End of Study

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