

**All Citizens Christian Church Calgary**

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, September 9th, 2025. **Topic: THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS 12**

**A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN LIVING**

**INTRODUCTION:** Like I mentioned two weeks ago, the Epistle to the Romans takes a different turn from chapter 12. It becomes more interesting because the discussion becomes practical. Romans 12 bridges the doctrinal truths of the first 11 chapters of the book with their practical application in the life of a believer. Paul outlines what it means to live a life transformed by God's mercy, focusing on our relationships with God, other believers, and the rest of the world, even to those who hates us. He does not place the challenge of good Christian living on God alone but on the believer also. This Chapter helps us to appreciate the opportunity in our differences. Instead of sitting on the judgement seat and judging others, it is better we see what makes them different and how we could take advantage of it for the furtherance of God’s kingdom instead of tearing it down. We often forget that each time we accuse someone of being judgemental, we forget that we have just judged that person. As kids, we used to go to our mother to complain that someone is looking at us. The immediate response which we get is ‘how did you see him’? The apostle knows that we are going to get people who hate us.

**Part 1: The Christians as a Living Sacrifice - Romans 12:1-2**

The first thing you will see in these two verses is that they want you to know who you are. Until you know who you are you cannot do what you should do.

**Discussion**

1. Paul urges us to present our bodies as a "living sacrifice." What does it mean to be a "living" sacrifice as opposed to a dead one? **Lev 1:5**
2. What are some practical ways we can offer our bodies and lives to God daily?
3. What does the word renewing mean to you? **Eph 1:18, 5:10**
4. How does a Christian's mind get "transformed"? **II Cor 3:18. I John 2:15**. The world often tries to mold us into its way of thinking. What does the apostle mean by the world (World culture, system, way of doing things) John 12:31, 14:30
5. Is there any difference between who you were and who you are now in Christ? **I Peter 2:9, II Cor 5:17**
6. How does renewing your mind help you resist being "conformed to the pattern of this world"? **I Cor 15:33**
7. What does a "transformed mind" look like in a real-life situation, like at work or school? **Matt 5:14-16**

**Part 2: Serving in Humility - Romans 12:3-8**

Paul transitions from individual devotion to our role within the community of believers. He uses the metaphor of a body to emphasize unity and diversity.

**Discussion:**

1. The passage compares the Church to a single body with many parts. What does this metaphor teach us about our roles and the importance of every member? **I Cor 12:12-16**
2. Why is it important that no one part thinks they are more or less important than another? **I Cor 12:17.** The gospel is a message of equality. I was a bit shocked to hear from prof Osinbajo that the human right movement originate from the bible. **Rom 12:3(NIV)**
3. Based on verses 6-8, how should we use our gifts? How do you use a gift with the right attitude? Examples like in serving or giving. Everyone is unique and gifted.
4. Examine how you could use your gift in proportion to your faith. **I Cor 3:6,10, I Peter 4:10-11.**

**Part 3: A Practical Guide to Christianity - Romans 12:9-21**

Paul concludes the chapter with a series of commands on how to live out a life of genuine love, both within the Christian community and toward those who are outside of it, even our enemies. Jesus introduced us to grace which brought a radical change in the way we used to think and do things. Matt 5:43-44.

**Discussion**

1. Verse 9-21 listed out what we should do. What are they
2. What does it mean for our love to be sincere or without hypocrisy? How can we tell the difference between genuine love and a superficial or conditional love?
3. How do you demonstrate God’s love in a culture that is very different from the one you are used to? *You must tolerate them to win them. You must bring something of value to the people.* **Act 17:22-23**
4. Do you think the church is winning more disciples today than we did in the past? Why is this so.
5. How can we "hate what is evil" while still showing love and compassion to those who do evil? **I Peter 4:8, I John 4:7-8**
6. What is the most challenging command in verses 17-21 for you to follow? **Prov 24:17-18, Proverbs 25:21-22.** What does it mean to "overcome evil with good," and how can we do this in our daily lives?
7. Why should we not avenge ourselves even when we have the capacity to do so? Rom **12:19**

**CONCLUSION**: If we live our Christian lives as recommended by Apostle Paul in Romans 12, we will find our lives settled in peace. This will be the situation because we would have left everything to God. We will just be living our lives like a little child who has no care. A focus in life will assume a relaxed dimension as we caste all our cares and concerns on him.