

Brothers in God / Men's Breakfast



Romans 12:1-2 *I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies (compassions) of God, to present (as an offering) your bodies (present life in this flesh) as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual (τὴν λογικὴν) worship. Do not be conformed to this world (age), but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. (NRS)*

Romans 12:1-2 is the center of this long letter's teaching. Here Paul reaches the conclusion that he has been arguing for since 1:17-19: *"For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed out of faith to faith. It is written: "The one who is righteous through faith shall live." For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth - what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. The whole letter has been bringing us to this.*

1. All have lost the righteousness of God and fall short of glory
2. Israel (god's chosen vessel) is included in "all"
3. There is only one cure: "In Jesus Christ"
4. No one has ever been or is capable of being righteous – except Jesus Christ
5. His faith is the source of our faith – we trust in him

- 6. God accomplished this in Jesus and extends it to use through the Spirit**
- 7. We must have Christ's Spirit/ we must be governed by Christ's Spirit**
- A. Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.**
- B. Romans 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**
- C. Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.**

Now Romans 12:

- 1. Verses 3-8 The description of a Spirit's mindset – the new person**
 - a. The humble kingdom**
 - b. Our attitude toward others**
 - c. Diversity in the new person(s)**
- 2. Versus 9-13 The spirit of the new person**
 - a. Love – Zeal – Hope**
 - b. “be continuously – constant – in prayer**
- 3. Versus 14- 21 Conduct in the midst of many – relationships**
 - a. Bless life – never curse**
 - b. Rejoice**
 - c. NEVER - never – embrace revenge**
 - d. God alone is allowed wrath**