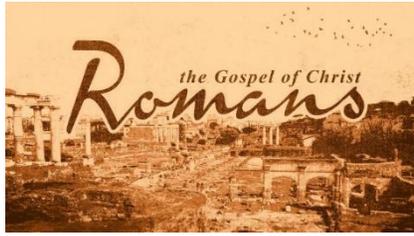


Chapter 12



Romans 1-11 “The Life God Gives”

Romans 12-16 “The Life a Believer Lives”

For in [the gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous by faith shall live.”Romans 1:17

Romans 1-11 contains 13 imperative “command” words (only 1 outside of chapter 11 and 6:11-19). Romans 12-16 contains 49. How does the presence (or lack) of imperatives highlight the proper understanding of Life lived because of God’s gift of grace?

12:1 To what does the “Therefore,” refer? The doxology in 11:33-36 or something else/more?

12:1 Who are included in the “brothers”?

12:1 What is a living sacrifice? How might that be understood by 1st century Roman Christians?

When are we called to be “living sacrifices”? Sunday? Everyday? How?

12:4-5 sounds like I Corinthians 12

Why is it important to be reminded we are One Body?

How does it help to be reminded how we are made One Body?

What do we do as God’s Church that shows we are One Body?

12:6-8 sounds like I Corinthians 14

Why is it important to be reminded we have gifts?

Why is it important to be reminded we have different gifts?

What do we do as God’s Church that shows we have different gifts in the One Body?

12:9-21 sounds like I Corinthians 13

How is this section different from the “Love is...” section of I Corinthians?

What is the difference between 12:9-13 and 14-21?

We are told (commanded) to Love.

If love is a feeling we can’t help (“I just fell in love / I can’t help myself”) then how can we be commanded to Love?

How would you summarize the process of loving others? (How can we find out how specifically to show love to someone?)

How would you summarize being able to love others? (On what basis can we love others?)

What other parts of God’s Word talk about love?