

043026 THE ROMANS 12 CHRIST FOLLOWER

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## **OVERVIEW**

ACTS 1:8

PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

PAUL'S EPISTLES NOT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

PAUL'S EPISTLES TO THE CHURCHES

PAUL'S EPISTLES TO THE INDIVIDUALS

MANY BELIEVE THE UNKNOWN AUTHOR OF HEBREWS IS PAUL

LARGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE LETTER FROM PAUL WAS TO THE CHURCH IN ROME, TITLED ROMANS. SO, IT IS FIRST

PENNED NEAR THE END OF PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

PURPOSE TO UNIFY THE CHURCH IN ROME (JEWS AND GENTILES)

PREPARE THEM TO SEND HIM OUT TO SPAIN (DID NOT HAPPEN)

CHAPTERS 1-3... SALVATION – ALL HAVE SINNED 3:23

CHAPTERS 4-5... JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH 5:1

CHAPTERS 6-8... SANCIFICATION AND THE SPIRIT 6:1

CHAPTERS 9-11... JEWS AND GENTILES – FAITH HEARING 10:17

CHAPTERS 12-16... APPLICATION

ROMANS 12 IS THE APPLICATION HINGE OF THE LETTER AND THE TOPIC FOR TODAY. THE ROMANS 12 CHRIST FOLLOWER

**AUTHENTICITY – THE PRACTICE OF ALIGNING ACTIONS WITH VALUES AND BELIEFS. THE TRUTH MATTERS. IS THIS ME?**

**ACCOUNTABILITY – OBLIGATION AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO OWN OUR ACTIONS, DECISIONS AND OUTCOMES**

**THESE CONCEPTS ARE INDIVIDUAL BUT CHRIST FOLLOWERS HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE WORD AND EACH OTHER'S HELP**

## **SECTION 1**

### **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – HOLY AND AUTHENTIC**

IT ALL BEGINS WITH THESE FIRST 2 VERSES OF ROMANS 12

ROMANS 12: 1-2

WITHOUT A HOLY AND AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CREATOR, OUR LIVES AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS SUFFER

BESEECH, ASK URGENTLY, DESPERATELY

SURRENDER TO GOD

*A TOTAL SURRENDER OF BODY AND SOUL TO GOD'S WORSHIP, REASONABLE SERVICE. LIVING SACRIFICE ON THE ALTAR.*

SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD

RENEWING OF THE MIND WITH GOD'S WORD

PSALM 1

UNHOLY SACRIFICE NOT ACCEPTABLE

1 SAMUEL 2 AND 3 – ELI'S AWFUL SONS

ISAIAH 66 AND MALACHI 1 GOD DETESTS UNHOLY SACRIFICES  
*TRANSFORMATION IS A SUPERNATURAL CHANGE NOT JUST  
INTELLECTUAL. ONGOING TRANSFORMATION CHANGES OUR  
DESIRES AND MINDSET TO THAT OF JESUS.*

**ARE WE SPENDING REGULAR TIME IN THE SECRET PLACE?**

**IF NOT SCRIPTURE, WHAT ARE WE RENEWING OUR MINDS  
WITH?**

**DOES SOMEONE NEED TO RENEW THEIR LOVE FOR GOD'S  
PRESENCE?**

## **SECTION 2**

### **RELATIONSHIP WITH OURSELVES – HUMBLE AND AUTHENTIC**

ROMANS 12: 3-8

PAUL'S APOSTOLIC GRACE (AUTHORITY) SPEAKING TO THE  
CHURCH

GRACE BASED, UNDESERVED FAVOR FROM GOD

MUST DO A SOBER (HONEST) SELF-ASSESSMENT

A MEASURE OF FAITH – YOU WANT MORE, LESS OF ME MORE OF  
GOD. HIS GLORY NOT MINE

*ALL GIFTS ARE RELEVANT TODAY AND GIVEN TO EVERY BELIEVER  
FOR SERVICE*

PAUL IS DESCRIBING AN ACTIVE CHURCH

EVERYONE USING THEIR GIFTS ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN

WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO RECOGNIZE OUR ROLE IN THE BODY  
ONE HEAD, CHRIST, WE ARE THE SEVERAL PARTS OF HIS BODY  
EPHESIANS 1:22-23

WE ARE TO USE OUR GIFTS WITH DILIGENCE AND HUMILITY  
GIFTS ARE MEANT TO FUNCTION TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
THE CHURCH

**DOES SOMEONE FEEL TOO HIGHLY ABOUT THEMSELVES TODAY?**  
**ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS A SOURCE OF PRIDE OR POWER?**  
**OUR CULTURE NEEDS A CHURCH OPERATING IN THE POWER OF  
GOD, SIGNS AND WONDERS FOLLOWING THE GOSPEL.**

### **SECTION 3**

#### **RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS – HEALTHY AND AUTHENTIC**

ROMANS 12: 9-21

IT IS ALL ABOUT OUR BEHAVIOR

SERVE IN LOVE

ABHOR WHAT IS EVIL, NOT THE PERSON

APPLYING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT AS ACTION WORDS

HOW DO WE PRACTICALLY DO THIS?

THE SUPERNATURAL IS REQUIRED

*LOVING ENEMIES MEANS NOT ONLY AFFECTION, BUT BLESSING  
THEM. FEEDING THEM AND GIVING THEM A DRINK*

**ARE THERE BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS THAT NEED RESTORED?**

**IS UNFORGIVENESS BLOCKING ME?**

**IS THE SPIRIT REMINDING YOU OF SOMEONE YOU NEED TO  
LEAVE VENGEANCE TO THE LORD AND BLESS THEM?**

**ROMANS 12 IS A ROAD MAP TO AUTHENTICITY.**

**THE MORE TIME IN THE SECRET PLACE OF HIS HOLY PRESENCE  
THE MORE AUTHENTIC I BECOME. LESS OF ME MORE OF HIM.**

**DO I HAVE AN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY GOD?**

**AM I LIVING AN AUTHENTIC LIFE, THE MOST REAL ME POSSIBLE?**

**ARE MY RELATIONSHIPS AUTHENTIC, HEALED, WITHOUT ANY  
BROKENESS OR UNFORGIVENESS?**

**HAVE I RELEASED MY ENEMIES TO GOD'S JUDGMENT AND  
BLESSED THEM TODAY?**

**WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE A SPIRIT EMPOWERED AND  
SANCTIFIED LIFE OF SERVICE WITH GENUINE TRANSFORMING  
WORSHIP, A HUMBLE SURRENDERED LIFE, AND REAL  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.**