

Understanding the Book of Romans
Romans 12:1-8 (p.1205)

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The gospel is the power of God for salvation for _____ who believes, because it reveals how we can be right with _____ by faith.

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_____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and can only be right with God through faith in Christ's _____.

For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Rom. 2:12; 3:23-25)

This free gift of God means that we have _____ with Christ and now must live with Him and _____ Him.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.... Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him....Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. (Rom. 6:6,8,13)

Although we still have indwelling _____, the Holy Spirit gives us newness of life; this is the message we must take to the _____!

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Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.... the Spirit helps us in our weakness. (Rom. 7:18; 8:11,26)

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Rom. 10:11-15)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. v.1

God wants you to offer yourself to Him _____ as you are increasingly being _____ inwardly.

...present your bodies as a living sacrifice....Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind... v.1,2

II. And use the _____ that He has given you!

...be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. v.2

God has ways for you to serve that can only be determined by _____ and by trial and error because we all have different _____.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. v.3

Be _____ in your self-assessment and use your gifts; every gift and ability is _____ to the outreach ministry of the church.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. v.3-8

Christ has offered _____ as a sacrifice for you; in return, offer your _____ as a sacrifice to Him.

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