

# Romans 12, The spheres of Christian living in response to God's magnificent glory and mercy, Pt 2 - Grace Bible Fellowship - 8/23/20

## Reading: Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

In vv 1 and 2, the Roman believers are, in light of the great mercy of God, given **one great thing to do** \_\_\_\_\_ and *two life-long projects in which to partner with God*: Do not be \_\_\_\_\_, but be \_\_\_\_\_.

### Sphere three: Relationship and attitude to others, first in the body, then society.

V9, *The purity of love – love for the sake of Christ and the benefit of the other:*

1. *Abhor/hate what is evil (The Christian is called to hate!)*
2. *Cling to, grasp onto what is good.*

V10-13, The priority of humble expressions of love in truth.

**Ten (10) expressions**, like 10 fingers on helping hands.



V14, Now in relation to the world around the Roman believer: Offering oneself as a living sacrifice

v14, When attacked or oppressed because of one's faith in Christ.

v15, Be wise, humble and sensitive to the highs and lows others experience

v16, Actively seek to be conformed together in the mind of Christ. Don't be snooty or seeking to position oneself on the rising social ladder. Be of sober judgment of oneself.

V17, Don't respond to insult or injury with the same spirit, words, or action. Don't seek to "get even." Give way, let pride go.

-Give careful thought and action to what is right in the sight of others, not just yourself. (CS Lewis, the two devils loose in the world).

V18, To the *maximum*, to the degree it depends on you, be at peace with everyone. Don't be prickly or pugnacious. Don't pick fights or keep them up.

V19-20, Let God keep score! The Romans Christians are to be counter-cultural in this very Roman sense!

V21, The believers are to be shining beacons of the light of goodness.

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***The Love of God***

The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.  
It goes beyond the highest star  
And reaches to the lowest hell.  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled  
And pardoned from his sin.

*Refrain:*

*O love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—  
The saints' and angels' song.*

When years of time shall pass away,  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;  
When men who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills and mountains call;  
God's love, so sure, shall still endure,  
All measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—  
The saints' and angels' song.

*Refrain*

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made;  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

*Refrain*

***Sing the wondrous love of Jesus***

Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our  
guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb  
was spilt.

*Refrain*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse  
within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,  
Brighter than snow you may be today.

*Refrain*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see his face,  
Will you this moment his grace  
receive?

*Refrain*