

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ONE LIFE TO LIVE – FOR NOW

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Spiritual Worship, Godly Service, Dedication, Devotion, Sacrifice, The Will of God.

The Reading of Our Text

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Thus Far in The Book of Romans;

- 1.) We are justified by faith alone.
- 2.) Our sins are forgiven through the atoning work of Jesus Christ.
- 3.) God works all things for the good.
- 4.) God sovereignly calls His people to Himself.

The Setting That Is Before Us

Is one that is very familiar to anyone who knew of the Calling & Order of the Levitical priesthood and in the Old Testament. - -

The Institution of the Priesthood by God

Numbers 8:13-16a

“And you shall stand the Levites before Aaron and his sons, and then offer them like a wave offering to the LORD. **14** Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be Mine. **15** After that the Levites shall go in to service the tabernacle of meeting. So you shall cleanse them and offer them like a wave offering. **16** For they are wholly given to Me

1 Peter 2:9

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

“In the Christian life can only be authentic when doctrine and duty align themselves together.”

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Amos 3:3

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

This chapter has been referred to as the “Elevated Chapter” or some have called it the “Graduation Chapter.”

It starts a new section of Paul’s systematic argument of the believer’s life –
{ To know the will of God in all things. }

You Only Live Once

Which is a false statement – a half truth.

<https://dayinhist.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Nathan-Hales-Final-Stand-for-Freedom-1.webp>

At one of our low-points of morale as a Nation, When the Continental Army in the late summer of 1776 already seemed to nearly defeated, The Patriot Solider & Spy, Nathan Hale was captured by British forces and sentenced to death for treason. Nathan Hale’s famous last words have been recorded in history...

a paraphrased quote from Joseph Addison's play, Cato.

"It is the duty of every good officer to obey any orders given him by his Commander-In-Chief. I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country,"

Nathan Hale

In reality, Hale didn't lose his life – he willing gave his life. There is a great difference.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

1.) So Give God Your Attention

vs. 1a

SO GIVE GOD YOUR ATTENTION ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

1a.) Because of what has been taught to you

vs. 1a

Romans 12:1a

I beseech you therefore, brethren,

“The **Therefore** here means that what has been said & what is being said is Intentional, The Requirement needed for Moving forward.”

Therefore grk: oun

the then, the wherefore, here is the reason, the point. all of this is speaking of a practical faith in action.

Romans 12:1a

I beseech you therefore, brethren,

Beseech grk: parakaleo

to call, to come along side, to tell, to speak, to exhort, to encourage, to make an appeal, to urge one to make a critical decision.

Paul is saying;

“May I Have Your Attention Please.”

I Have an Extremely Important Announcement.

I entreat, I urge, I beg, you therefore, brethren,

The “Therefore” refers to the magnificent summing up of Christian life and eternal blessing found in the 8th. chapter of Romans,

1) Because you are in Christ you are now free from all condemnation. 2) Because you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. 3) Because you are children of God by adoption. 4) Because you are eternally bound to Christ. 5) Because you are the elect of God. 6) Because you are predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. 7) Because you are beyond all possibility of ever being condemned.

There is the Issue of Condemnation

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

There is the Issue of Justification

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

There is the Issue of Assurance

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

There is the Issue of Dedication

Romans 12:1 PJV

Therefore, I beseech you,

**SO GIVE GOD YOUR ATTENTION
ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW**

1b.) Because of what has been done for you

vs. 1a

Romans 12:1a

I beseech you therefore, brethren, **by the mercies of God,**

By grk: dia
through, on account of, because of, afterward, charged to, applied to.

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Mercies grk: oiktirmos
to have in your possession, to feel, to experience, to have compassion for or pity upon.

(We will discover that this God-Emotion will provide the justification needed for mankind to be saved. Jesus Christ would come to take away our sins.)

Mercy is Very Expensive.

“The Gold Standard”

Well, Mercy is an Impossibility unless it is Backed by “The Blood Standard”
Mercy is powerless unless Justice is maintained while providing future Grace.

“The Origin / Foundation of Our Worship

Is founded upon One Central Doctrine = Offering.

Worship must first begin with an offering of blood that was willingly presented.

It was expensive. It was terrible & It was bloody.”

Genesis 3:1-13,21

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die. 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” 11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” 12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate....
21 And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

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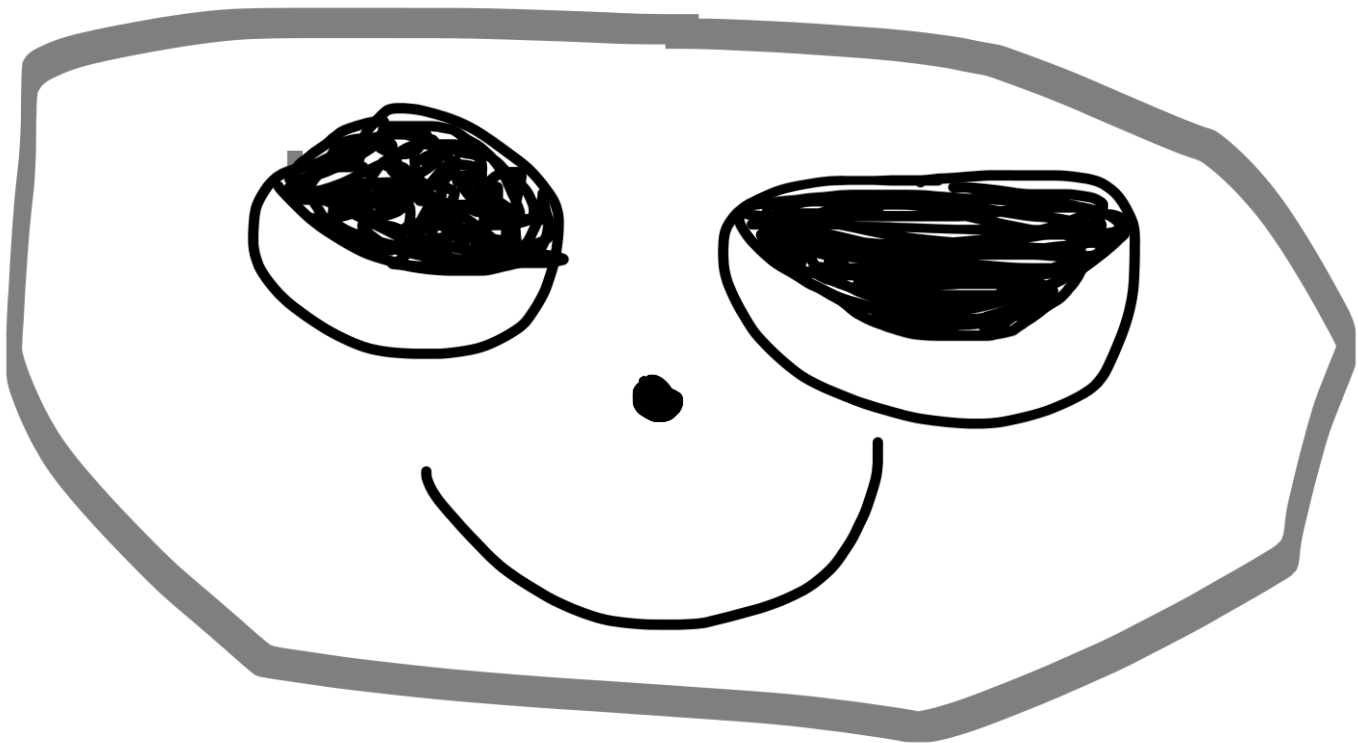
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