

Romans 12

A Living Sacrifice

12 ¹ 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. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but 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.

Gifts of Grace

³ 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 judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ 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.

The Life of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honourable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Cross References

1 Peter 2 v 2: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation...

Matthew 17 v 2: And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light...

Mark 9 v 2: And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them...

2 Corinthians 3 v 18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another...

Titus 3 v 5: he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit...

Ephesians 4 v 23: and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds...

Psalms 1 v 2:

but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night...

1 Corinthians 12 v 8 to 10: For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues...

Ephesians 4 v 11: And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers...

Matthew 5 v 44: But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...

Luke 6 v 28: bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you...

Deuteronomy 32 v 35, 36:

Vengeance is mine, and recompense...
For the LORD will vindicate his people...

Hebrews 10 v 30: For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

Proverbs 25 v 21, 22:

If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,
and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,
for you will heap burning coals on his head,
and the LORD will reward you...