

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

DATE: April 28, 2021

Wednesday Class: "Romans: God's **Good News** for the World"

TEXT: Romans 12:1-15:13

INTRODUCTION: Dr. Larry Moyer — "You Can Tell It" seminar on personal evangelism.

LIVING A " _____ " LIFE (12:1-2)

1. The _____ of Paul's appeal: "brothers" or "brothers and sisters" (NIV₂₀₁₁).
2. The _____ of Paul's appeal: "in view of God's mercy" (lit. "mercies").
It is "in view of God's mercies" that Paul issues his ethical appeal. He knows that there's no greater incentive to holy living than an understanding of and an appreciation for the "mercies of God".
3. The _____ of Paul's appeal: It involves both our bodies and our minds!
 - a) The first part of Paul's appeal concerns the presentation of our _____ to God (1).
 - 1) Paul uses _____ imagery throughout.
 - 2) What are we to "offer" or "present"?
 - This offer will include mortifications of its misdeeds (8:13);
 - This offer will include the positive presentation of its members for service (6:11-14, 19).
 - b) The second part of Paul's appeal concerns our _____ (2).
 - 1) Note the call to _____ - _____.
 - 2) There are only two value systems / standards:
These two are incompatible, even in direct collision with one another!
 - a. This world (age) which is passing away (1 Jn. 2:17).
 - b. God's will which is good, pleasing, and perfect.
 - 3) What does "transformation" look like?
Gk. Verb: **μεταμορφώω – metamorphóō** (English: **metamorphosis**). In the NT four times.
Twice in the Gospels translated "transfigured" (Mt. 17:2; Mk. 9:2); and Twice in the Epistles (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18) translated "transformed".
"As for the change which takes place in the people of God, envisaged in Rom. 12:2 & 2 Cor. 3:1, it is a fundamental transformation of character and conduct, away from the standards (patterns) of this world (lit. "this age") and into the image/likeness of Christ himself."
 - 4) How does this "transformation" take place?
 - a. Our mind is renewed/transformed by the Word of God and Spirit of God;
 - b. Then we are able to discern and desire the will of God;
 - c. And then we are increasingly transformed by it as we "put off" the old self and "put on" the new self.

LIVING A “ _____ ” LIFE (12:1-15:13)

Living this kind of life in response to “the mercies of God” will encompass all our relationships!

1. Our relationship to _____ (12:1-2)
Consecrated bodies and renewed minds.
2. Our relationship to _____ (12:3-8)
Thinking soberly about our gifts.
 - A. Warning: against over-confidence; self-exaltation (vs. 3a)
 - B. Challenge: know your spiritual gift (vs. 3b). Have (get) a realistic assessment.
 - C. Illustration: the _____ (vss. 4-5; cp. 1 Cor. 12:12-27)
 - D. Exhortation: _____ your gift; get _____ (vss. 6-8)
3. Our relationship to _____ (12:9-16)
Love in the family of God.
4. Our relationship to _____ (12:17-21)
Not retaliation, but service.
5. Our relationship to the _____ (13:1-7)
Conscientious citizenship.
6. Our relationship to the _____ (13:8-10)
Neighbor-love as its fulfillment.
7. Our relationship to “the _____” (13:11-14; cp. 1 Jn. 2:8b)
Wake up and get dressed! “The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.”

13:11 **present time.** The time of salvation, the closing period of the present age, before the consummation of the kingdom. **The hour.** The time for action. **Our salvation.** The full realization of salvation at the second coming of Jesus Christ (see 8:23; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 1:5). **Is nearer now.** Every day brings us closer to the second advent of Christ.

13:12 **The night.** The present evil age. **Is nearly over; the day is almost here.** A clear example of the NT teaching of the “nearness” of the end times (see Mt. 24:33; 1 Cor. 7:29; Php. 4:5; Jas 5:8-9; 1 Jn 2:18). These texts do not mean that the early Christians believed that Jesus would return within a few years (and thus were mistaken). Rather, they regarded the death and resurrection of Christ as the crucial events of history that began the last days. Since the next great even in God’s redemptive plan is the second coming of Jesus Christ, “the night,” no matter how long chronologically it may last, is “nearly over.” **The day.** The appearing of Jesus Christ, which ushers in the consummation of the kingdom.

8. Our relationship to the _____ brother (14:1-15:13)
To the weaker members of the Christian community — be welcoming; don’t despise, judge, or offend them. Accept one another (14:1-13a) ... Edify one another (14:13b-23) ... Please one another (15:1-13).