



NOT ASHAMED

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

ROMANS 12:9-13

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.

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 judgment, 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.

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 honor. 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. (Romans 12:1-13)

Introduction

- Romans 1:16-17 is the theme verse for Romans, and Romans 12:1-2 is the theme verse for the final five chapters of Romans.
 - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."* (Romans 1:16-17)
 - *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. 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.* (Romans 12:1-2)
- Paul assumed that Christians (noun) would live distinctly " _____ " (adjective) lives (Romans 12:1-2).
- Living distinctly "Christian" lives can only be done in the context of a _____.

A "Christian" Life

- A "Christian" life must be marked by genuine _____ (Romans 12:9-10).
- A "Christian" life must be lived with _____ (Romans 12:11).
- A "Christian" life must be built on _____ with joy (rejoicing) (Romans 12:12A).
- A "Christian" life must always be _____ in tribulation (Romans 12:12B).
- A "Christian" life must be consistent and constant in _____ (Romans 12:12C).
- A "Christian" life must look for opportunities to be _____ (Romans 12:13A).
- A "Christian" life must look for opportunities to show _____ (Romans 12:13B).

The Gospel

- A "Christian" life is simply living out for others what _____ has done for us (John 15:12-13, John 2:13-17, Luke 10:21-22, Luke 24:25-27, Matthew 26:36-46, 2 Corinthians 8:8-9, Mark 2:15-17).