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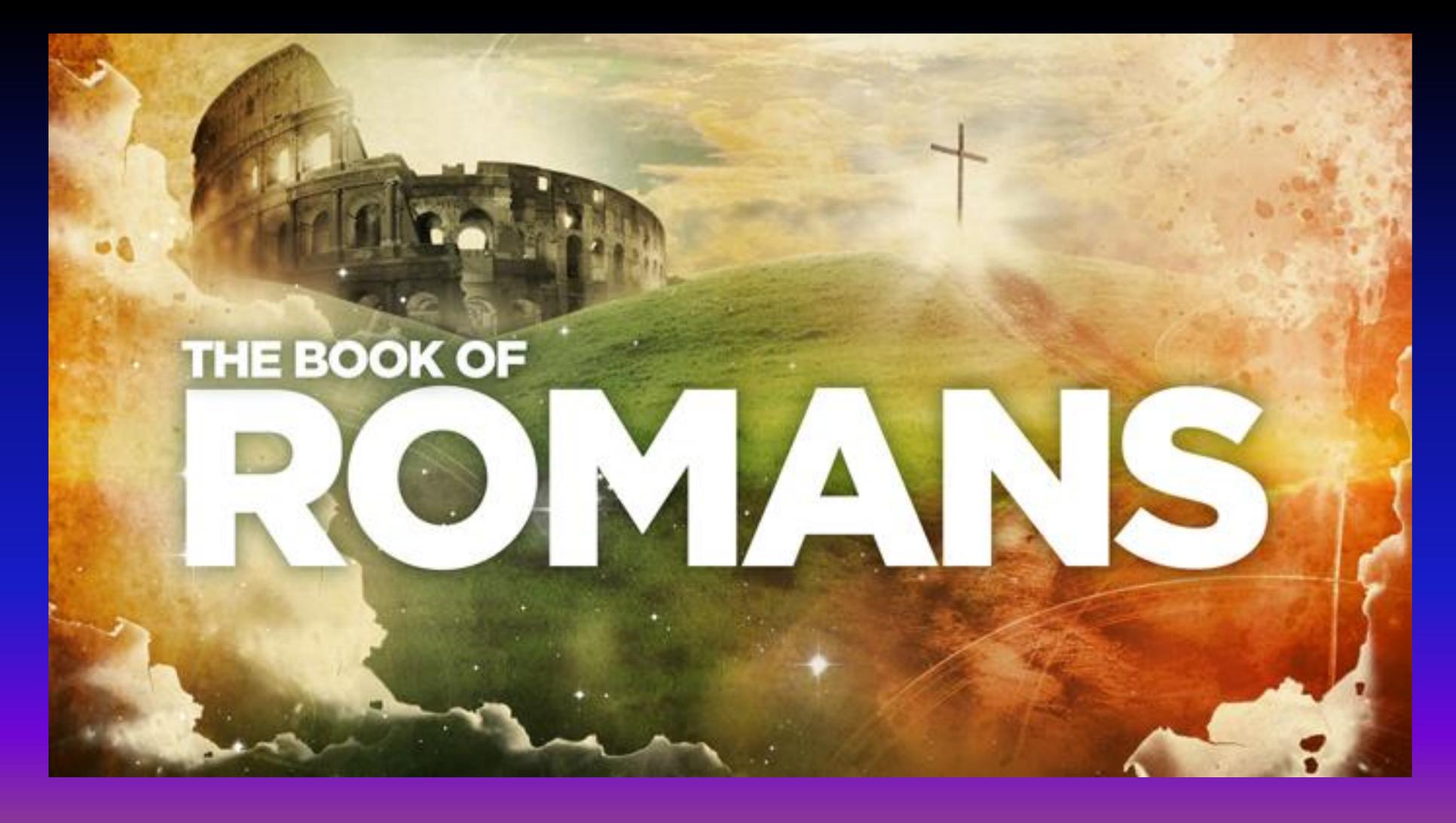


**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →



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THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

Romans 12:1-2 → Surrender and Transformation

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Romans 12:1-2 → Surrender and Transformation

What we are looking at today is our
SANCTIFICATION PROCESS ...

What is our part ... ? How can we live the
Victorious Christian Life?

God has done all of the Calling, the Forgiving of our sins, our Justification, our Peace with God, Giving us Power over sin by the Holy Spirit ... but we have a role to play in our own Growth in Christ ...

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God starts with our Bodies, just like He did with Adam in the Garden of Eden. We have control over our hands, feet, mouth, voice, our minds (thinking) What we have control of we give as a SACRIFICE.

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**This LIVING and HOLY Sacrifice of our Bodies is
→ our Reasonable Spiritual Service of Worship
It is Normal, Reasonable, Expected, the Baseline
This is so He is Pleased (it is Acceptable to Him)**

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This LIVING and HOLY Sacrifice of our Bodies Implies FULL SURRENDER unto God with all that we are. My goals, dreams, wants, desires, interests, passions: all surrendered unto God to Worship Him

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A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE



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Jesus said, “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and **EVEN HIS OWN LIFE, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own **CROSS** and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:26-27)**

“hate” is use here as hyperbole, which means that one’s Love for Christ is so fervent, that love for others seems like “hate” in comparison

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Jesus said, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **DENY HIMSELF**, and take up his **CROSS DAILY** and **FOLLOW** Me. ²⁴ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. ²⁵ For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My **WORDS**, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:23-26)

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"**WORLD**"? What "world"? → The sinful world of humans. The sinful cultural values systems of sinful human beings. → False, Fake, Empty, just Surface Systems of Values that God doesn't approve of.

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Satan attempts to use the "world system" in people's lives, because he can't be everywhere at once (he is **NOT** omni-present) so he uses these systems.

Doctrines of Demons, False, Lies, Deceptions

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1 John 2:15-17, “¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the **WORLD** — the **LUST OF THE FLESH, THE LUST OF THE EYES, and THE BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE** — is **NOT** of the Father but is of the **WORLD**. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

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Luke 16:15 - ¹⁴ Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were **SCOFFING** at Him. ¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, “You are those who **JUSTIFY YOURSELVES** in the sight of men, but God **KNOWS YOUR HEARTS**; for that which is **HIGHLY ESTEEMED** among men is **DETESTABLE** in the sight of God.”

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RENEWING MY MIND → TRANSFORMS my LIFE

The BIBLE is God's Holy WORD (John 17:17)

Read, Study, Meditate upon it, Apply it Daily

Memorize it, get it into your heart, IMPLANT IT!

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Jesus said, “If you abide (LIVE) in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.”

(John 8:31-32)

Jesus said, “If you abide (LIVE) in Me, and My WORDS abide (LIVE) in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” (John 15:7)

Does Christ live in you? Do you Live in Christ? Does God’s Word LIVE in you? Do you live according to God’s Holy Word? Do LIVE in HIS Word?

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22 But be **DOERS OF THE WORD** and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror. **24** For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. **25** But the one who **LOOKS INTENTLY** into the **PERFECT LAW OF FREEDOM** and **PERSEVERES** in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but one who does good works — this person will be blessed in what he does. (1 John 1:22-25)

Memorize, Study, Meditate Upon, then Live accordingly

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**A Renewed MIND ... RENEWED by God's Word ...
cleansing and washing OUT the sinful Thoughts,
the sinful ways of Thinking ... and REPLACING
them with Godly Thoughts and Godly Ways
Thinking**

**Yes, that is God Brainwashing Us ... but we need
that Cleansing ... because then we are
Transformed ... into What?**

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**The Renewing of MIND ... God Transforms me ...
by His Word, by His Spirit ...**

**I am being Transformed into the Image of Jesus
Christ... as I study His Word, as I obey Him, as I
trust Him, as His Word is Implanted ... His Word
replaces, supplants the World's Ways of Thinking
and I am transformed ... by His Word, by His Spirit**

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We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the LORD and are being TRANSFORMED into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the LORD who is the Spirit.

(2 Cor. 3:18 – compare with 1 John 1:22-25)

As we Read, Study, Memorize, Meditate upon God's Word, in our Quiet place as we Pray, Praise, Worship, and Read His Word ... He works through His Word by His Spirit to Reveal Christ to us, more and more ... He uses this to Transform us into being more like Christ.

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This PROVES God's Will is BEST !!!

When God Transforms us more and more into being more and more like Jesus ... by the Renewing of our Minds, in Christ, in His Word...

**The RESULT is God's Public Display of the Proven
EVIDENCE that God's Will is
GOOD, ACCEPTABLE, and PERFECT**

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your GOOD WORKS and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

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This is full body, soul, spirit, heart, mind transformation. God's Transformation in your life will CHANGE you so that you will Want what God wants for you, you Desire what God desires for you, your Interests will change to be conformed to be what God wants you to have, etc. You will then be DOING things in your life ("good works") that others will see ... they will start to see that God's Will in a person's life is that which is Good, Acceptable, and PERFECT ...

**God's Will is: Wholesome, Fulfilling, Satisfying,
Pleasing, Enjoyable, Sustainable ...**

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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