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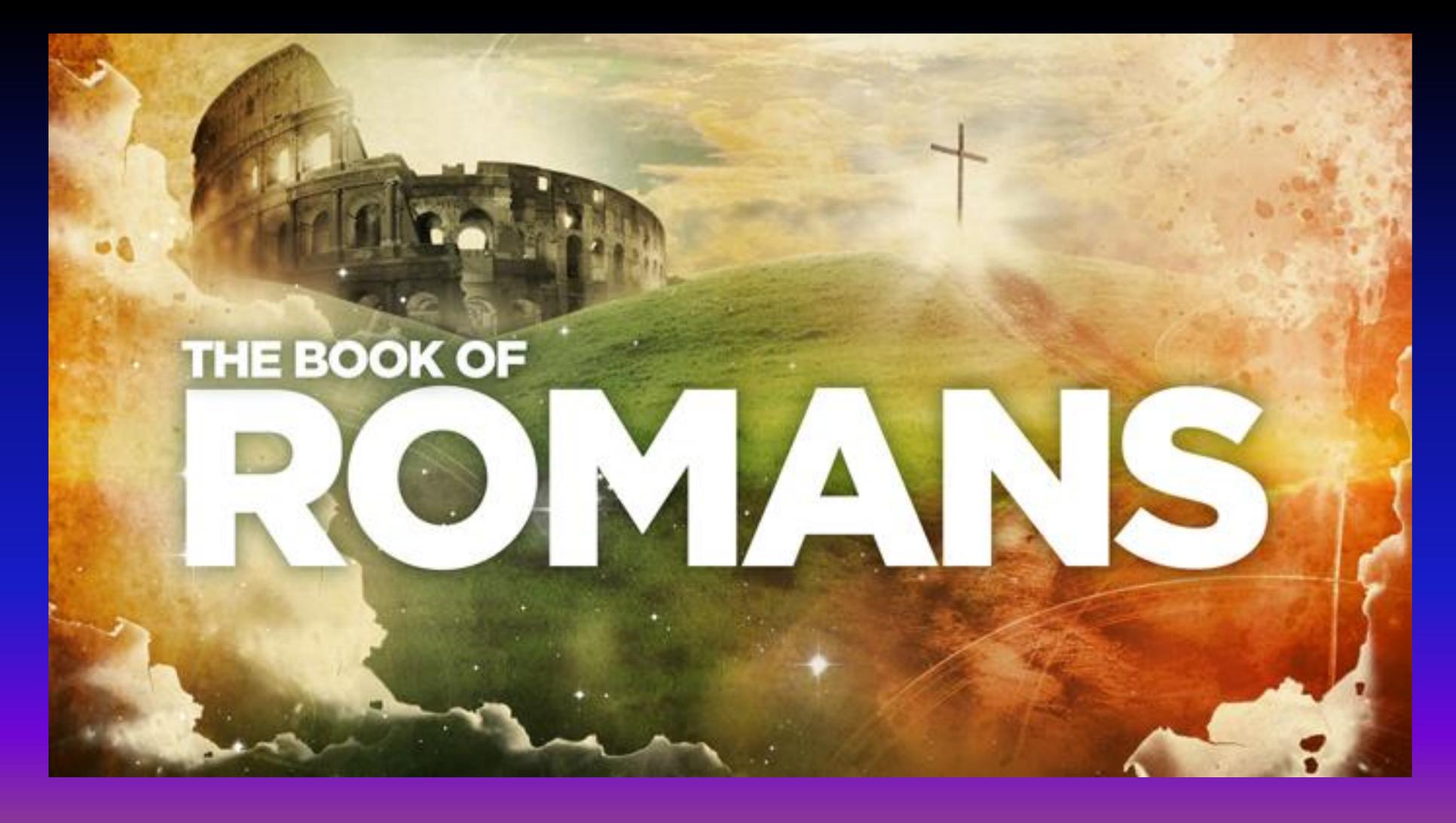


**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →



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THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

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Romans 12:1-8

Therefore I urge (beg, beseech, plead with) you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies **A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE**, acceptable to God, which is your **REASONABLE SPIRITUAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP**. ² And **DO NOT** be **CONFORMED** to this world, but be **TRANSFORMED** by the **RENEWING OF YOUR MIND**, so that you may **PROVE** what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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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.

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As a Pastor, my **FIRST Goal** is Romans is help those under my pastoral care to understand and internalize Romans chapters 1 thru 11 ... and **DO and Make a Daily Practice of Romans 12:1-2**

My Second Goal – is almost as important ... to see the local church, overall, I am overseeing in Christ, to be the most healthy in Christ as possible ... that is the emphasis of Romans 12:3-8

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For every, born again, disciple in Christ ...

Our FIRST, PRIMARY, Individual, Personal Priority... the MOST IMPORTANT Priority, Daily is found in Romans 12:1-2 ...

Full SURRENDER unto Christ, Daily (Rom. 12:1)

RENEWING my MIND daily, in God’s Holy Word (Romans 12:2)

These Actions must be Daily and **VALUED** as Most Important above anything else.

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Matthew 6:5-8

⁵ “And when you PRAY, you MUST NOT be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, GO INTO YOUR ROOM AND SHUT THE DOOR AND PRAY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you, openly. ⁷ And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

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We **MUST** have our own, personal, Quiet Time with God: an individual time with God, **DAILY**, in which we Pray to God and Study His Word. This is our Health in Christ in the Spirit. Just like we must have physical food for our Physical Bodies, so it is we need Spiritual Food for our soul, mind, heart, and spirit. This is our **Time of Daily Surrender** unto God, praising Him, thanking Him, seeking Him, wanting Him ... communing with Him. This is our **Time of** reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating upon His Holy Word, the **Bible**. This is the **MOST IMPORTANT** thing we must do, **Daily**, more important than food ... therefore make it that Important ... don't push it aside for other things ... if it is the **Most Important**, in reality, you will make it **YOUR #1 PRIORITY ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE**. What people value, they will prioritize .

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Romans 12:3-8 – this relates to each individual, born-again, disciple in his or her **RELATIONSHIP** with other born-again, disciples of Christ in his or her **LOCAL CHURCH FAMILY**. It is in relationship with others that the Gospel is lived out in real life.

A Healthy, Doctrinally Sound, On-Fire-For-Christ local church is the Goal starts with individual believers that are personally, Doctrinally Healthy and focused on Glorifying Christ, **TOGETHER**

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According to Paul, the apostle, the most
UNHEALTHY, DANGEROUS local churches are
PERSONALITY DRIVEN “churches”

“I am a follower of Paul...”, “I am a follower of
Apollos...” , etc. (see 1 Cor. 3:1-5)

That is why Paul wrote Romans 12:1-2 →
Fully Surrender to Christ and Renewing our Minds
in God’s Word ... as **FIRST PRIORITY** ...

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What is the goal of Romans 12:3-8?

To make each local church family, the most **HEALTHY** it can be, in Christ according to God’s Word.

A DOCTRINALLY SOUND, ON-FIRE (for Christ) local church family that is sharing the Gospel of Christ is a **HEALTHY** church, in Christ.

Each local church family, is to be a **HEALTHY TEAM** of **WARRIORS FOR CHRIST**, working together, to get the Gospel out to those around them.

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1 Peter 4:7-11: ⁷ Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be serious (sober) and disciplined for prayer. ⁸ Above all, maintain an intense love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Based on the GIFT each one has received, **USE IT TO SERVE OTHERS**, as good managers of the varied grace of God. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, it should be as one who speaks God’s words; if anyone serves, it should be from the strength God provides, **SO THAT GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST IN EVERYTHING.** To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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To be **PRAYED UP** ... Praying to God “Please Use Me, God to build up others... Please use me, God” – my goal should be to help others grow in their personal relationship with Christ according to His Holy Word. → Paul starts out in Romans 12:1-2 just like Peter does in 1 Peter 4:7 – “... be serious (sober) and disciplined for Prayer ...” personal surrender and renewal in Prayer and the Word of God...

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To use my **SPIRITUAL GIFTS** God has given me to **BUILD UP** others in Christ, as He leads me.

All for the Glory of God in Christ Jesus our LORD →
“so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen” (1 Peter 4:11)

My Spiritual Gifts are NOT for me, to Glorify me ... they are to Build up others in Christ and to Glorify GOD !!!

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Romans 12:3-8 & 1 Peter 4:7-11, along with 1 Cor. 12 ...

We are to use the Spiritual Gifts God has given us, individually, ONLY to Glorify Christ and ONLY to Build Up other in Christ → so that we all, as a TEAM (a local church family) are better Equipped and Healthy to Effectively and Fruitfully reach out to the Lost with the Gospel of Christ and make, grow, and multiply Disciple of Christ. (compare with Ephesians 4:11-16, as well)

This is the ATTITUDE we need to have regarding our place in our local church family “not to think of one’s self too highly ...” “according to the measure of faith” 😊

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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