

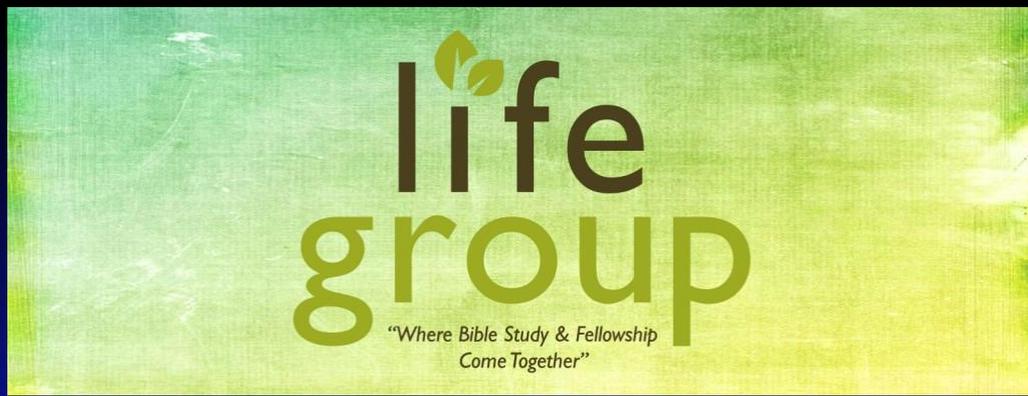
Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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



LIFE Group ...

**We are in an Equipping Series (see Ephesians 4:11-16)
that is focused on the Gospel of Christ.**

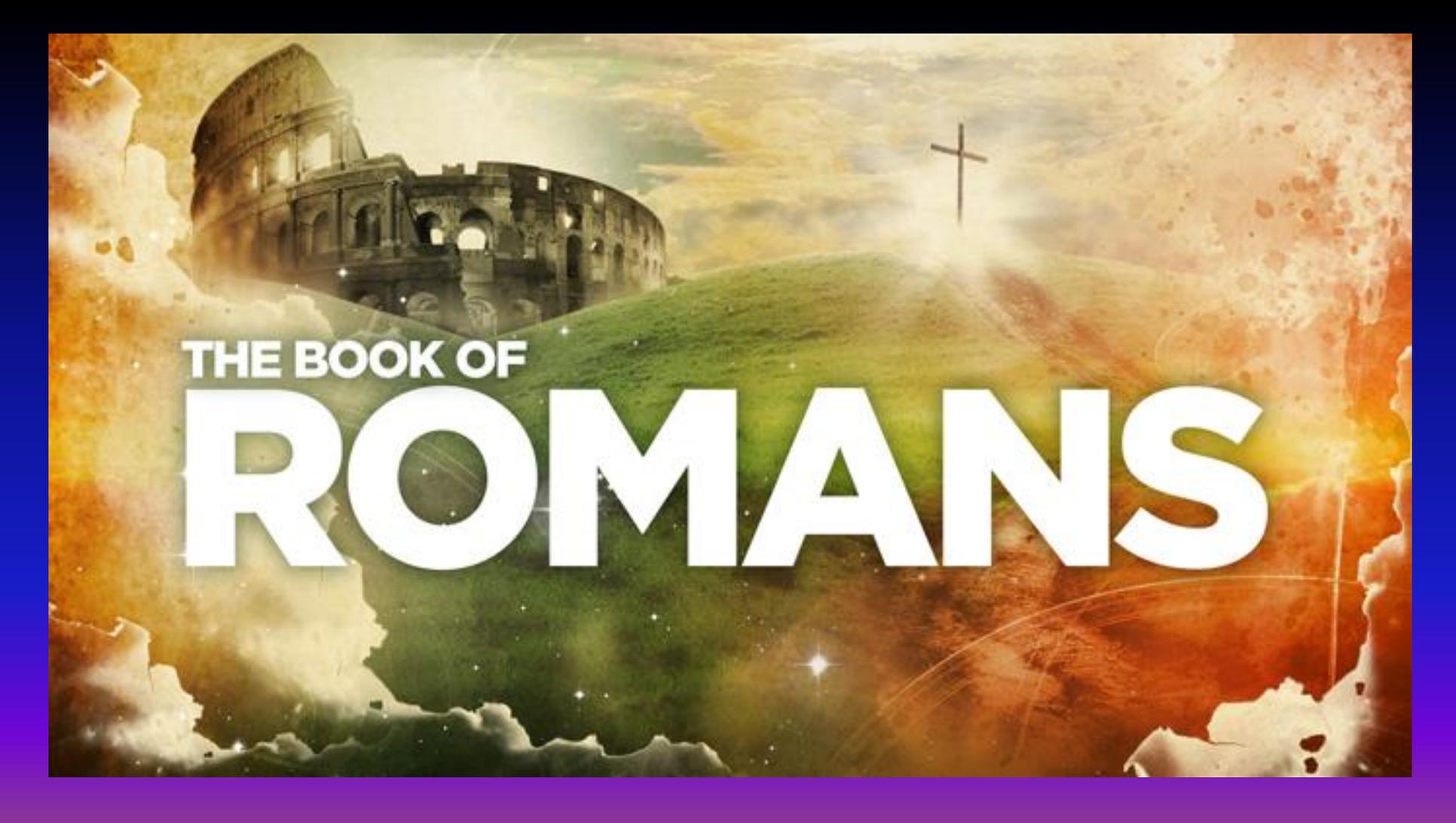
**We'll be Equipped in the Gospel, know it & sharing it
For the next several weeks ...**

6:30 pm at the Thomas' home on Wed. evenings

Now let's Learn from God's Holy Word →



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THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

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Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the LORD; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

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Romans 12:9-21

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the LORD.

(ref.: Deut. 32:35)

**20 Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”**

(ref.: Prov. 25:21-22)

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Romans 12:9-21

1. What Paul is explaining here is directly OPPOSITE of WHAT? (re-read Romans 12:9-16)

→ Our Old Sinful Nature, the Old Flesh... it's own way of doing things ... it is Selfish, Self-Centered, Self-Serving

→ The World System's Values ... the world of lost sinners, their value systems are opposite of what Paul is teaching here ... these Principles are in Stark Contrast to those of the World's ways of thinking and doing

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Romans 12:9-21

2. What can this be compared to from Jesus’ teachings?

➔ **The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5 thru 7**

➔ **How is it similar? Jesus taught about loving our enemies, blessing those who persecuted us, and not condemning those horrible sinners arounds us (i.e.: not coming to quick judgments as if we were the Judge, Jury, and Executioner) ... see Matthew 5:43-48 & Matt. 7:1-5 ...**

It is very similar to what Paul is teaching here in Rom. 12

You ever wonder where He got His “stuff” from?

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⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (Matt. 5:43-48)

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“Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. (Matt. 7:1-5)

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3. What is the Focus here? After talking about the Gifts of the Spirit, why “this mushy stuff”?

→ How are we to Treat Each other within the Body of Christ in our local church family?: Loving, Caring, Encouraging, PRAYERFUL, Humbly, fervently, wanting the Best for our fellow brethren to excel in Christ, etc...

**→ Forgiving: When we rub each other the wrong way ...
Eph. 4:31-32**

**→ Toward Outsiders?: Love, Forgive, Pray for them, Bless, “curse not”, do good toward, No Vengeance, Trust God ...
Share The Gospel of Christ (Rom. 12:14,17-21)**

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Paul is giving us Principles by which to BE and DO as a Church Family.

How we are to treat each other, in Christ?

The Atmosphere and Attitudes we are to have as we use our Spiritual Gifts God has given us to Love one another, and to build each other up. AND Forgiving one another.

We will rub each other the wrong way ... it is just family.

As individuals, families, and as a Church ... how are we to treat those outside of Christ? Lost sinners?

No Vengeance, Loving Deeds →

Overcome Evil with Good (God’s Good... Matt. 5:16)

That type of Atmosphere of God’s Love is Magnetic

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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