ROMANS 12

Having declared in chapters 1-11 the gospel as the power of God to salvation for both Jew and Gentile, Paul now begins the last section of the letter that instructs saints in living a sanctified life.

Christians present themselves a living sacrifice to God and live transformed lives of holy attitudes and behaviors.

ROMANS 12:1-2 AS RECIPIENTS OF GOD'S MERCY, HOW OUGHT WE TO LIVE?

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

{2} And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

ROMANS 12:3-5 SERVING OUT OF A HEART OF HUMILITY

- "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.
- {4} For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,
- (5) so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."

ROMANS 12:6-8

SERVE WITH WHATEVER GIFTS YOU HAVE AND IN WHATEVER EXTENT YOU HAVE THEM

- "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;
- {7} or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;
- {8} he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

ROMANS 12:9-10 LOVE YOUR BROTHER

"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;"