### 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 12:14-16 ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHERS, INCLUDING PERSECUTORS

- "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."

# ROMANS 12:17-18 DO YOUR PART TO LIVE AT PEACE WITH OTHERS

"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."

### ROMANS 12:19-21 LEAVE VENGEANCE TO GOD. YOU RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL

"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord.

{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.'

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

#### ROMANS 13

While chapter 12 dealt in part with Christians' behavior among Christians, chapter 13 instructs Christians how to live in the secular world, in relation to civil government as well as the general population. While the world is serving darkness, Christians live properly and make no provision to serve the flesh.