

Romans 12

The Righteousness of God in everyday life.

Paul has completed the doctrinal part, now comes the practical outworking of that in response.

This is the good works programme for those who have been raised with Christ to live a new life.

Paul has insisted on the impossibility of works as a means of securing salvation which is the free gift of God's grace obtained through faith alone in the Saviour's death and resurrection.

Now he shows us the right place of works, they are to be the natural fruit of faith in Christ.

He lays down with full divine authority what the Will of God is in respect to particular relationships.

Romans 12.1-3.

A call to devote ourselves to the Lord in the light of all that we have heard and experienced of God's amazing grace.

We are no longer to be guided by the world's way of thinking, materialist selfish and temporal, but by the revealed will of God.

A voluntary enthusiastic response of gratitude:

The Old covenant sacrifices were of dead bodies, ours is to be a perpetual living sacrifice.

4-8. A call to be cooperative and not individualistic in the fellowship of the Christian Church.

Don't be high minded be sober minded, we are all members of one body, we have different gifts or abilities and these are to be used to benefit the body.

Some gifts are listed; they are to be employed with diligence.

9-12. A call to a consistent Christian lifestyle.

The good life, the godly life, sincere love, joyful, patient, faithful, hospitable, humble, respectful, and returning only good for evil.