

# **Romans**

**The Righteousness of God  
proven through Messiah,  
King Jesus**

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During 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple period world view that history divided into 2 stages:

➤ *The “Present Age”*

➤ *The “Age to Come”*

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The church should live in the reality of the “age to come”:

A worship that is worthy of thinking reasonable beings

- *Paul appeals for us to worship God*
- *By offering our whole being as a LIVE ONGOING sacrifice*
- *BASED upon/because of all of the riches we have from Him (chapters 3-11)*
- *And it gives Him GREAT pleasure*
- *And it is a worthy thing for reasonable & rational beings in His Kingdom*

Any other response is actually irrational

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Outline: Two main sections in chapters 12-16

*Chapter 12:1-15:13*

*Chapter 12:1-13:14*

*Chapter 14:1-15:13*

*Chapter 15:14-16:27*

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## Section I a breaks into 6 sections:

A) 12:1-2 – Intro & Foundation

***B) 12:3-13 – Church unity thru gifts***

C) 12:14-21 – Church life facing the outside

C) 13:1-7 – Responsibility toward authorities

B) 13:8-10 – Overriding responsibility of love

A) 13:11-14 – Living in the light of God's dawning day

*Laid out as a beautiful circle almost structured like a poem*

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## Section IB – Romans 12:3-13: Church Unity

*...in the Messiah Christians should now strive for unity*

### Romans 12:3

Given what Paul said for 11 chapters in how far off we were:

- 1) Dead in slavery to the force of sin*
  - 2) Now made alive by the life & death & resurrection of Jesus*
  - 3) Acquitting us of all our guilt, declaring us righteous before Him now*
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## Section IB – Romans 12:3-13: Church Unity

*Romans 12:3*

Think now in terms of 12:1-2: Proper MIND-SET

*a) Offer God true worship – i.e. yourself as one made free & alive*

*b) Be transformed by having your minds renewed (buy into the reality of who He is and what He has done for you)*

*c) Thinking of yourselves as one people in Messiah*

Literally “Do not over-think above what you ought to think, but think in wide-thinking ways.”

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## Section IB – Romans 12:3-13: Church Unity

*Romans 12:4-8*

*Point = Just as Paul was graced with a gift for his task of establishing & maturing churches, so they EACH have been graced with gifts to bless each other*

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## Section IB – Romans 12:3-13: Church Unity

*Romans 12:9-13*

This is how we know we are genuine: i.e. being rational:

- 1) Loathe (hate isn't strong enough) what is evil*
  - 2) Cling tightly to what is good*
  - 3) Have mutual affection – only comes thru a deep sense of empathy*
  - 4) Go first and lead the way in showing honor – Asks yourself, is this helpful to them?*
  - 5) Don't be lazy when it comes to diligence – If you are gonna do it anyway, then just do it!*
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## Section IB – Romans 12:3-13: Church Unity

### *Romans 12:9-13*

This is how we know we are genuine: i.e. being rational:

*6) Be hopeful – Speak reality but have the perspective of God’s faithfulness*

*7) Be patient – Don’t lose sight of what God has brought you up from when thinking of others but especially be patient in your suffering...He will come thru!*

*8) Be prayerful – Come alongside them with the Trinity.*

*9) Give – Why? Because none of it is yours anyway. Keep holes in your pockets.*

*10) Be hospitable – Remember Acts? One of the 4 great pillars of a healthy church.  
Who has eaten in your house lately?*

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The “gift” is primarily for  
SOMEONE ELSE!

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