

ROMANS

The righteousness of God proven
through Messiah, King Jesus

ROMANS: A QUICK REVIEW

Romans chapter 12 marks the beginning of a new section

Our doctrine leads to our ethics

ROMANS 12: OUTLINE

12:1-2 Intro

12:3-13 Church Unity Through Gifts

12:14-21 Church Life Facing Outside

13:1-7 Responsibility to Authorities

ROMANS 12:14-21
OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

How do we relate to people outside the church community?

How do we act towards outsiders?

How do we act towards enemies and those who persecute us?

Let's read Romans 12:14-18



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SOLIDARITY

- The word “with” over and over
 - The word “all”
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"Overcome Evil With Good"

Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ (If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,) live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

"thinking beforehand"

"Judicial Punishment"

ROMANS 12:14-18

Let us weep with those who weep in the
Bay Area





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Let us weep with those who weep in the
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“if it is possible, so long as it depends on you, live peaceably with ALL.”

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“do not claim to be wiser than you are”

Let's read Romans 12:17-21

- *Overlapping ideas but now focusing more on enemies*
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JESUS IN SERMON ON MOUNT

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; 40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; 41 and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. 42 Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

JESUS IN SERMON ON MOUNT

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 and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON (CH. 25)

If your enemies are hungry, give them bread to eat; and if they are thirsty, give them water to drink;

²² for you will heap coals of fire on their heads, and the LORD will reward you.

THE TORAH (EXODUS 23:4-5)

4 When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you shall bring it back. 5 When you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden and you would hold back from setting it free, you must help to set it free.

ROMANS 12 AND VENGEANCE

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord"

HOW???

only by humility and an understanding the deep love and forgiveness of God towards us which Paul has laid out in the first 11 chapters

Then God can transform us into people who can give our hungry enemy something to eat and our thirsty enemy something to drink

CLOSING THOUGHTS ON “OVERCOMING EVIL
WITH GOOD”

Martin Luther King Jr.

*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only
light can do that. Hate cannot drive out
hate. Only love can do that.”*

ROMANS 12:14-21

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”
