

Edgemont Bible Church
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“Renewed in our Minds”

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Intro: Ro 12:2

I. Blessed

A. O How Very Happy

1. When speaking of God - a Praise for His Character, Strength, Salvation, ETC
2. When speaking of man
 - a. States a Positional Truth or something that God does to him
 - i. Doesn't have sin or iniquity imputed - Ps 32:1-2
 - ii. Chosen of the Lord - Ps 65:4
 - iii. Chastened by the Lord - Ps 94:12
 - b. States something that the saved one does or doesn't do
 - i. Doesn't walk in the counsel of the ungodly - Ps 1:1
 - ii. Trusts in Him - Ps 2:12; 40:4; 84:5,12
 - iii. Considers the Poor - Ps 41:1
 - iv. Fears the Lord - 112:1; 128:1
 - v. Keeps judgment and does righteousness - Ps 106:3; 119:1-2

B. the undefiled in the way, - vs 1-2

1. Who walk in the law of the LORD! - For NT believers - walks in the Spirit.
2. those who
 - a. keep His testimonies, - Ro 6:1-6; Eph 4:22-24;
 - b. seek Him with the whole heart! - 1st and greatest commandment
 - c. do no iniquity; - 1 Jo 3:9
 - d. walk in His ways. - Jo 15:1-8

II. The Internal Struggle - vs 4-11

A. You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.

B. Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes! - vs 5-6; Ro 7:18,21,23-24

1. Then I would not be ashamed,
2. When I look into all Your commandments.

C. The need for cleansing - vs 9-11

1. The Question - How can a young man cleanse (keep clean) his way? - vs 4
 - a. **zakah** - to be translucent; to be innocent:--be (make) clean, cleanse, be clear, count pure.
 - b. a work of God in coordination with man - Pro 20:9; Isa 1:16-18
2. The Answer- By **taking heed** according to Your word.
 - a. **shamar** - to hedge about (as with thorns), guard; to protect, attend to, etc.:--be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep(-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch(-man).
 - b. A vigilant examining
 - i. in the faith - 2 Co 13:5
 - ii. the results of tests - 1 Co 11:28; Ga 6:4

3. How

- a. Seeking Diligently - With my whole heart I have sought You;
- b. Humble Dependence - Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
- c. Human Responsibility - Working out our salvation - vs 15-16; Phil 2:12
 - i. Your word I have hidden in my heart, - vs 11
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III. The Demonstration of Humble Dependence upon God

A. Ask

1. Teach me - **lamad** - to goad, to teach, instruct, learn. - vs 12
2. Deal Bountifully - vs 17 - **gamal** - to treat a person (well or ill), benefit or requite; bestow on, deal bountifully, do (good), recompense, yield.
3. Open my Eyes - vs 18 - **galah** - appear, disclose, open, reveal, shew, tell, uncover.
4. Revive me - vs 25,37,88 - **chayah** - to live, to revive:--keep (leave, make) alive, give (promise) life, quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life).
5. Strengthen me - vs 28,38 - **quwm** - to rise, strengthen, uphold ;

B. Receive

1. Heart of Praise - vs 7; Obedient life - vs 33; 71; Mouth of Praise - vs 29,68,171
2. A Life of Life - vs 17
3. Understanding - vs 18 - That I may see
4. overcoming a soul that clings to the dust - vs 25,37, 88; Ro 8:2
5. Grace to help in time of need - 2 Co 12:9-10; Heb 4:16

IV. The Results

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2. When I learn Your righteous judgments. - learning implies putting into practice.

B. A life of Obedience and Dependance - vs 8

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 - i. Ro 12:2 not conformed to the image of this world
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 - i. King Saul - the Spirit left him
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V. Application:

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 - b. Our body, the Spirit's temple - 1 Co 3:16; 6:19
 - i. Baptized into the body of Christ - 1 Co 12:13
 - ii. Sealed us in that Body - 2 Co 1:22; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30; 2Ti 2:19;
2. the Holy Spirit is the Guarantee of full payment - 2 Co 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:14; 4:30

B. But do we take full advantage of all that comes with that relationship

1. Our dealings in this life

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