

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST



Preaching Christ Crucified ~ Teaching the Doctrines of Grace
Standing Upon the Word of God

Notes & Outlines for July 11, 2010 Today's Message: "A Living Service"

Romans 12

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Tonight's Bible Study: John 18:12-27

EPISTLE OUTLINE:

Key Verses: **Romans 1:16-17**

I. THE PRINCIPALS IN TRUTH

Key Passage: **Romans 3:23-28**

- Romans 1** The DEPRAVITY of fallen man.
- Romans 2** The CERTAINTY of God's judgment
- Romans 3a** The CALAMITY of sinful man's condition
- Romans 3b** The BEAUTY of God's grace in salvation
- Romans 4** The REALITY of righteousness imputed by faith
- Romans 5a** The CENTRALITY of justification through the cross
- Romans 5b** The ENORMITY of the truth of imputation
- Romans 6** SURRENDER as a bond slave
- Romans 7** STRUGGLE of the bond slave
- Romans 8** SPIRITUAL VICTORY for the bond slave
- Romans 9** The SOVEREIGNTY of God
- Romans 10** The RESPONSIBILITY of man
- Romans 11** The GLORY of God's grace

II. THE PRACTICE OF TRUTH

Key Passage: **Romans 12:1-2**

- Romans 12** Transforming love
- Romans 13** Obedient love
- Romans 14** Love's liberty
- Romans 15a** Love's unity
- Romans 15b** Love's industry
- Romans 16** Love's familiarity

If you have any questions concerning this week's lesson, please feel free to give Bro. Jon Cardwell a call at **256-689-1283** or email jon@justificationbygrace.com

MESSAGE TITLE: **“A Living Service”**

LESSON OUTLINE: **Romans 12:3-16**

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Romans' 2nd Section: (Truth in Practice)

B. Chapter Outline (**Romans 12**)

Key Passage: **Romans 12:1-2**

vv1-2(-3) The Reality of METAMORPHOSIS

vv3-16(-18) The Reality of MINISTRY

vv17-21 The Reality of MERCY

C. Parallel Passage: **1 Corinthians 12:4-13:13**

a. To Corinth as Reproof and Correction

b. To Rome as Reality in Christ

II. **MOTIVATED SERVICE, v3**

ALL OF GRACE: (1) Not high-minded; (2) Measure of faith

Phil 2:1-8

III. **MUTUAL SERVICE, vv4-5**

Eph 4:16; 1 Cor 12:25-26

IV. **MANIFOLD SERVICE, vv6-16**

vv6-8, Areas of Service; vv9-16, Attitudes in Service

V. **APPLICATIONS**

1. Every Christian has each gift to one extent or another

a. Which gifts in me bring Christ the greatest honor?

b. Which gifts in me edify the brethren with the greatest blessing?

c. What gifts in others allow me to serve in more effectively?

d. Am I suited for this gift? Is grace magnified? or am I anxious?

Does the exercise of this gift draw me near to Christ & make His Word clearer to my soul?

Closing comments from Charles Spurgeon in a sermon preached on February 8, 1858 at the Music Hall, Royal Surrey Gardens in London. The sermon is #181 from *The New Park Street Pulpit* and is titled, "Particular Redemption." The text was taken from **Matthew 20:28**, "*Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*"

Tell me, then, sir, whom did Christ die for? Will you answer me a question or two, and I will tell you whether He died for *you*. Do you want a Saviour? Do you feel that you need a Saviour? Are you this morning conscious of sin? Has the Holy Spirit taught you that you are lost? Then Christ died for you and you will be saved. Are you this morning conscious that you have no hope in the world but Christ? Do you feel that you of yourself cannot offer an atonement that can satisfy God's justice? Have you given up all confidence in yourselves? And can you say upon your bended knees, "Lord, save, or I perish"? Christ died for you. If you are saying this morning, "I am as good as I ought to be; I can get to Heaven by my own good works," then, remember, the Scripture says of Jesus, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." So long as you are in that state I have no atonement to preach to you. But if this morning you feel guilty, wretched, conscious of your guilt, and are ready to take Christ to be your only Saviour, I can not only say to you that you may be saved, but what is better still, that you will be saved. When you are stripped of everything, but hope in Christ, when you are prepared to come empty-handed and take Christ to be your all, and to be yourself nothing at all, then you may look up to Christ, and you may say, "Thou dear, Thou bleeding Lamb of God! thy griefs were endured for me; by thy stripes I am healed, and by thy sufferings I am pardoned." And then see what peace of mind you will have; for if Christ has died for you, you cannot be lost. God will not punish twice for one thing. If God punished Christ for your sin, He will never punish you. "Payment, God's justice cannot demand, first, at the bleeding surety's hand, and then again at mine." We can today, if we believe in Christ, march to the very throne of God, stand there, and if it is said, "Art thou guilty?" we can say, "Yes, guilty." But if the question is put, "What have you to say why you should not be punished for your guilt?" We can answer, "Great God, Thy justice and Thy love are both guarantees that Thou wilt not punish us for sin; for didst Thou not punish Christ for sin for us? How canst Thou, then, be just— how canst Thou be God at all, if Thou dost punish Christ the substitute, and then punish man himself afterwards?" Your only question is, "Did Christ die for me?" And the only answer we can give is— "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ came into the world to save sinners." Can you write your name down among the sinners— not among the complimentary sinners, but among those that feel it, bemoan it, lament it, seek mercy on account of it? Are you a sinner? That felt, that known, that professed, you are now invited to believe that Jesus Christ died for you, because you are a sinner; and you are bidden to cast yourself upon this great immovable rock, and find eternal security in the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.