



**Week's Aim:** *The Gospel's Power to Heal the World: The Transformed Life*

**Topic for Day 1: Overview of Romans 12:1-21**

1. Up to this point, Paul has been dealing with *right belief*. To what is Paul shifting his focus now?
2. What phrase(s) do you see repeated in this chapter?
3. List three areas of the Christian's life which Paul addresses and give verses which support each area.

**Application 1:** What will you apply to your life this week from the sermon? How will you ensure you do it?

**Topic for Day 2: The first steps of a transformed life. - 12:1-2**

1. We know when Paul uses the word "*therefore*," it is an all inclusive statement reminding his reader of all that has been said. Referring to **Chapters 1-11**, identify some of the major points Paul has discussed so far.
2. What does Paul say believers are doing when they offer themselves completely in service to the Lord? How does that affect your motives and focus for serving in our church?
3. How are we to be transformed? How does one "renew" his/her mind and what motive does Paul give for us for doing that?
4. What is God's will for the believer in these verses? **John 14:15; Acts 18:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:3 and 5:17-19; and 1 Peter 2:15; and 3:17.**

**Application 2:** How will you present yourself as a living sacrifice to God today? What will you do in the area of renewing your mind?

**Topic for Day 3: The transformed life leads to humility and cheerfully using the gift(s) given. - 12:3-8**

1. Paul says, "*to think of yourself with sober judgment.*" What does that mean to you?

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2. He also says, "*the measure of faith God has given you.*" What do you think that means and how is it helpful for a believer to understand this, especially when working with other Christians?
3. Paul says that all believers belong to one another. What thoughts does that bring to mind for you in regards to our church family?
4. Paul identifies some of the Spiritual gifts that are given to believers by God's grace. List the gifts and how we are to use them as Paul describes in these verses 12:6-8.

**Application 3:** What is a situation in which you need to demonstrate humility today? How might you use your spiritual gift(s) today?

**Topic for Day 4: Transformed lives are loving, devoted, zealous, and enjoys being with believers. - 12:9-13**

1. How does our cultural view of love compare to **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**?
2. What are the commands Paul gives in **verses 9-13**?
3. Which of these commands is most difficult for you to obey? How might you change that?

**Application 4:** Select at least one of the commands Paul identified and describe ways you will obey it today. Anticipate what might stand in your way and how you will overcome the obstacle:

**Topic for Day 5: Transformed lives emit Christ likeness to others. - 12:14-21**

1. How are we to "bless" those who persecute us? See **Matthew 5:44** and **Luke 6:27-28**.
2. Paul says in verse 18, "*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*" What do these verses tell you about *peace*, **Mark 9:5**; **John 14:27**; **Galatians 5:22-23**; **Ephesians 2:14-18**?
3. How are people overcome with evil in our society today? Paul quotes **Proverbs 25:21-22**. What does it say we should do regarding our enemies?

**Application 5:** What will you do today to overcome evil with good in your sphere of influence today?