

## “Live the right life amongst yourselves”

Romans 12:1-21

### Therefore...in view of God’s mercy

**Chapters 1 to 11** have been about how God has made us right with himself through Christ.

**Chapters 12 to 16** are now about how to live as people who have been made right with God through Christ.

God’s family is big. Though big **we experience his family in the life of the little local church.**

### Be as Christ to one another.

Verse 1

Sacrificially.

As ones holy and pleasing to God.

This is your true and proper worship.

### Think as Christ to one another.

Verse 2

Letting God’s word continually shape our thinking.

One in mind.

One in purpose and reassurance.

### Behave as Christ to one another.

Verse 3-21

**When at church**

Verses 3 to 8.

**And at every other time**

Verse 9 to 13.

**And with all people**

Verses 14 to 21

## A Bible Study – Romans 12:1-21

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Romans 12 verse 1 marks a transition between Chapters 1 to 11 and 12 to 16. It is a call to appropriate thinking and behaviour in response to what has gone before. Behaviour and thinking that is like Christ – sacrificial. Whereas we could say that Chapters 1 to 11 have been about how God has made us right with himself through Christ, Chapters 12 to 16 are now about how to live as people who have been made right with God through Christ. In this Bible Study we consider how we are to live amongst ourselves?

**Open with a prayer asking God to teach you from His word.**

**Read:** Romans 12:1-21.

**Questions:**

- Read verse 1.** What does Paul “urge” believers to do in verse 1? Why?  
What two words does Paul use in verse 1 to describe “our bodies” (us) now that we are right with God because he has had mercy us and saved us? (*Allow yourselves to dwell on this truth and be encouraged*)  
The offering of our ‘holy and pleasing bodies (ourselves) to God’, as ‘living sacrifices’ is described as being what at the end of verse 1?  
What word in verse 1 suggests to you that this won’t come easy but that we will need help from God and each other?
- Read verse 2.** What do we need to do, with the help of God, that enables us to offer our bodies as living sacrifices?  
As we do this what is told that we will be able to do?
- Read verses 3 to 8.** From what you know of what Paul means by “faith” in Romans so far, do you think Paul is suggesting some Christians have more faith given to them to believe and be saved than others or that it has been equally distribute to all so to believe and be saved? Why?  
In view of such distribution of faith what are we asked to do in verse 3 as we go about using the various gifts God in the life of the Church?
- Read verses 9 to 21.** What other ways are we to offer our bodies as living sacrifices?  
What would you find the easiest? What would you need help with?

**Close with prayer thinking on the last question.**

**In preparation for the next Bible Study** read ahead Romans 13:1-14

*This Bible Study is such that it can be done on one’s own or with others in a Bible Study Group - even around the table at home. It’s designed to help you to remember the sermon, grow in your knowledge and love of God, appreciate your fellowship with other believers and to take your part in the life of the Church as followers of Jesus Christ - Trevor Young – Senior Minister Abbotsford Anglican*