

Core 42

“Transformed: Appeal to live differently”

Romans 12:1-21

A. Promise of Change

1. Living Sacrifice V1
 - a) Therefore...
 - 1) Last week: Romans 8 Life in the Spirit
 - a. Put to death – Flesh
 - b. Life and peace – Spirit
 - 2) Why? Rom 10:1 -4
 - a. V1 My heart’s desire and prayer, to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved
 - b. V2 not about knowledge
 - c. V3 submission to God’s righteousness
 - d. V4 Christ fulfilled the law!
 - 3) We need to believe the promise of Change
 - a. Ez 11:19-20 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.
 - b. The promise looks to Jesus. **His Spirit frees us so that His Spirit can deploy us.**
 - b) “I Urge you” Paul is appealing to those who have been saved!
 - c) **In view of God’s mercy** (great mercy/compassion)
 - d) **Offer**... (submit/sacrifice – like Jesus)

B. Challenge to Change v2

Transformation happens when we put to death old habits (Gal 5:19-21) and adopt new habits (Gal 5:22-25)

1. **Don’t conform**
 - a) Conform – follow the template (Cultural values) Be different
2. **Transform** (Change priorities) by the renewing of your mind
 - a) Transformation requires non-conformity

C. Results of Change v2b-21

1. v2b Know God’s will
2. v3 Be Humble
3. v4-8 Do your part
4. v9 love well
5. v10 cling to good, hate evil
6. v11 keep spiritual fire burning
7. Serve the Lord
 - a) v12 Rejoice in hope, patient in suffering, faithful in prayer
 - b) v13 Share with God’s people who are in need, practice hospitality
 - c) v14 Bless those who persecute you, **DO NOT CURSE THEM!**
 - d) v15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn
 - e) v16 Live in harmony, don’t be conceited
 - f) v17 Don’t repay evil for evil, do right
 - g) v18 Live at peace with one another
 - h) v19 Revenge is God’s
 - i) v20 if enemy is hungry/thirsty, offer food and drink
 - j) v21 Do not do evil but overcome evil with good

D. Application

1. What is the HS telling you?
2. How can you apply this to your life?
3. Questions...
 - a) What is something you need to surrender right now?
 - b) **2nd Cor 5** 14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!