

The Book of Romans

This Week: Lesson: Romans Chapter 12

Next Week: **Homework Scripture Read:** Romans Chapter 13

Lesson Text:

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| Romans 12:1a | “What ‘therefore’ is there for” |
| Romans 12:1-2 | Living sacrifice |
| Romans 12:3-8 | Spiritual teamwork – one body (I Corinthians 12) |
| Romans 12:3, 9-21 | Christian unity – love one another |
| John 13:34-35 | Love one another |
| v. 3, 16 | No place for big egos |
| vs. 9-10 | True brotherly love (think of family ties) |
| v. 11 | Diligence |
| vs. 12-15 | Enduring through life together |
| vs. 17-21 | Letting go of revenge, dropping grudges |
| vs. 20-21 | Reacting to ill treatment with good treatment (Proverbs 15:1) |

Discussion:

- **Note** the very broad context of the v.1 ‘therefore’, this is the book-divider – because of chapters 1-11, therefore, chapters 12-15.
- **Note** the self-reference to Paul’s earlier book – vs 4-5 refer to I Corinthians 12
- **Discuss** the gifts of the Spirit and individual ministry, especially in terms of vs 1.
- **Discuss** the concept of not taking revenge, but allowing God to own that part of our lives.

Open Question:

Return to verses 1 and 2.

What are some ways in which modern Christians can comply to v. 2?