



Δ Radically Transformed Life

Romans 12:3-21

#16 in a series on Romans

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Radically Transformed Perspectives.

1. A humble and realistic attitude. (3, 10, 16; cf. 12:10; 14:3; 15:5; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 2:3-8; 4:2; James 1:5-8)
2. A wholesome spiritual life. (11-13, 15; cf. Galatians 6:10)
3. A new operating principle. (4-5; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:1-16; 5:23, 29-30; Colossians 1:18, 24; 2:19; 3:15)
4. A correct approach to defeating evil. (14, 17, 19-21; cf. Matthew 5:38-42; 7:12)

Radically Transformed Service.

1. God gives every believer grace for service. (6; cf. Ephesians 4:7-8; 1 Peter 4:10)
2. Some examples. (6-8; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

Radically Transformed Relationships.

1. Make love the glue of your relationships. (9, 10, 13, 15; cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:21)
2. Be on a perpetual peace mission. (18; cf. 14:19; Matthew 5:9; John 14:27; 15:12; Romans 5:8)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Romans 12:1-21. Look back at the outline and notes from last week on 12:1-2. In preparation for the specifics in verses 3-21, review your response and standing with respect to being transformed by God to be like Christ, listing specific areas of progress and any where there has been little progress.

Tuesday. A God-transformed life has a radically different perspective. Review the four areas listed in the outline. As you look at the last few days, can you see evidence of a humble and realistic attitude in yourself. Is it more difficult to see your strengths or your weaknesses accurately? Are the marks of a wholesome spiritual life present and growing in you? What about the new operating principle of unity in diversity and using God's approach to defeat evil? Sometimes it can be discouraging as we see our small steps of progress and the big challenges ahead. Remember God's promise to keep on working in you until the work is done when you see Him face to face.

Wednesday. God transforms us to be His servants. He has given you and every believer grace so you can serve Him (see verse 6 and 1 Peter 4:10). Paul gives examples of spiritual gifts or abilities God gives in verses 4-8. As you review those, and other lists noted in the outline, think about God's grace to you and how you are responding to it. Remember that God has gone ahead of you and prepared good works for you to walk in (see Ephesians 2:10). Ask God for His wisdom and strength so you can do that faithfully and with joy.

Thursday. Part of God's transformation of you is to transform your relationships so that His love is now the glue that holds them together. Go over verses 9, 10, 13 and 15 identifying which facets of this love are the most easy and the most difficult for you. Identify some specific aspects in specific relationships that you will work on.

Are you on a perpetual peace mission? As you think about verse 18, draw the distinctions you see between being a peacemaker and a doormat. Then see if your distinctions line up with Scripture.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 13:1-14. Read these verses as you prepare for our time together.

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