

Adult Sunday School Lesson
Nassau Bay Baptist Church
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As you watch and listen to the video, please feel free to pause the video for any reason, including to discuss something with others, to take time to look up a verse or passage, or to take a break. Remember, you also are able to go back and to repeat any part.

Read Romans 12:1-21.

Write here some themes or key words you see in this chapter.

Romans 12:1-2

Paul calls alongside us (*parakaleo*—connected to *paraklete*, which is the term used for the Holy Spirit—Comforter or One Who Comes Alongside). He exhorts us. He admonishes us.

As family. The church, the Bride of Christ, is a family. NBBC is the family of God in the Nassau Bay area.

By the “compassions,” the *pities*, of God.

Write a number here _____ that represents how many times you think God had compassion on you yesterday. Think about it for a while. Remember that every thought, word, or deed that does not mirror Christ exactly, is punishable. Think of every time God might have had pity on you in some situation.

Present—“to place beside.”

Your bodies a living sacrifice—“a living offering.” The tithe is not the only offering God seeks from us.

He seeks the offering of a holy body that is acceptable to Him. God does not accept just every offering. It must meet His requirements of holiness. Set your body apart unto Him.

Which is your reasonable (*logikos*—reasonable in the sense of logical) service (*latreian*—sacred service, priestly service). Presenting to God a holy body is a logical sacred, priestly service of those who are part of a Kingdom of Priests.

Do you know that you are a priest before God? You present offerings. You intercede for others. You teach others to follow God through Jesus. You demonstrate what it means to walk with the Lord.

Not conformed . . . but transformed.

Conformed—“assuming a similar outward shape; following the same pattern” to the world.

Transformed (*metamorphoo*)—“changed after being with . . . in keeping with . . .,” so, changed after being with Jesus/Word in keeping with a renewed mind.

By the renewing of your mind—“to make (your mind) fresh/new as achieved by God’s power.” Old lies out. New truth in.

That you may prove—“reveal what is good by testing”

What is that good—“intrinsically good in that it originates from God”
and acceptable—“well-pleasing”
and perfect—“having reached its end/completion/perfection”
will—“desire”
of God.

So . . .

Do not keep on assuming an outward shape or pattern that is similar to the world, but be changed after being with Jesus in ways that are in keeping with His Word by making your mind fresh and new through God’s power. Do this so that you may reveal in yourself, by testing, the desire of God that is intrinsically good because it originates with God, that is well-pleasing to God, that has reached its end in God.

We must stop conforming and start being transformed! You and I are in control of that. God does it by His power in us, but we have to engage in stopping one direction and starting another.

This can be called a form of repentance and a form of faith.

Romans 12:3-8

_____ and how we _____ is very
important. God is much more interested in how we think than in how we _____.
Think NOT more _____ of myself than I _____.
Think in a way that is _____, _____, and under
_____ - _____.

God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. Not the same kind or same result of faith. Perhaps not the same size of a measure. We do not even know what that means.

BUT, we are not to judge the measure or the results of the measure of faith given to each of us.

We are a body in Christ of many DIFFERENT members. We are individually members of one another.

What does that mean??

God gives each of us individual gifts that help us be one body in Christ. Why would we measure someone else's gift? Why would we ask someone else to measure our gifts?

We have many _____, but not the same _____.

When we want the function that someone else has been given, we are covetous. I stay with my function. I let others exercise their functions. I let God speak through me when someone misuses the gift/function given according to Scripture.

Paul tells us about the gifts (*charismata, charisma*—"grace + gift," "grace-gift or a gift of/by/through grace).

List of Gifts/Functions and Verses That Might Describe Them

v. 6—Prophecy—v. 9

v. 7—Ministry—v. 10

v. 7—Teaching—v. 11

v. 8—Exhortation—v. 12

v. 8—Giving—v. 13

v. 8—Leading—v. 14

v. 8—Mercy—v. 15

Same "minding" (gut, thinking, and doing) toward one another

Have an un-high mind.

Associate with the humble.

Do not think yourself wise.

Repay not evil for evil.

Regard good things openly.

Live peaceably with everyone, if possible.

Do not avenge yourselves. Vengeance is the Lord's.

Give place to wrath.

Feed your enemy and give him a drink.

Choose not to be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.