



# BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST

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**Focus:** Rooted – A Study Through Romans

**Week 15:** The Will of God – Living in View of God's Mercy

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## Introduction:

Tonight we shift. After eleven chapters explaining the gospel, Paul now shifts to how believers should live in response to God's mercy. The Christian life is not simply about receiving grace. It is about being transformed by grace. Paul calls believers to surrender themselves to God, serve faithfully within the Body of Christ, love genuinely, and respond to evil in a Christlike manner.

## Key Scriptures

Romans 12:1-2 Romans 12:3 Romans 12:4-8 Romans 12:9-10 Romans 12:17-21

**1. Offer Yourself to God – (Romans 12:1–2):** Believers are called to present their entire lives to God as living sacrifices. Spiritual transformation happens when our minds are renewed and shaped by God rather than the culture around us.

### A. Give Your Body to God (12:1)

- † Worship involves surrender
- † God desires living sacrifices
- † Spiritual worship affects everyday living

### B. Give Your Mind to God (12:2)

- † Do not conform to the world's patterns
- † Transformation begins internally
- † Renewed minds help discern God's will

## Truths To See:

- 1) Worship is more than attendance. Worship is surrender
- 2) God transforms believers from the inside out
- 3) Renewed Thinking produces renewed living

## Biblical Cross References

Psalms 51:17 Galatians 2:20 Ephesians 4:22-24. 2 Corinthians 5:17

**2. Offer Yourself to Church – (Romans 12:3-8):** Paul reminds believers to think humbly about themselves and faithfully use the spiritual gifts God has given them to strengthen the Body of Christ.

### A. Think Rightly About Yourself (12:3)

- † Avoid pride and self-exaltation
- † Avoid insecurity and self-devaluation
- † Humility creates healthy community

### B. Use Your Spiritual Gifts (12:4–8)

- † The Body has many members with different functions
- † Spiritual gifts are expressions of grace
- † Every believer has a role to fulfill
- † Gifts are meant to serve others

#### Truths to See

- 1) Every believer belongs in the Body
- 2) Grace gives believers different assignments
- 3) Spiritual gifts are meant for service, not status

#### Biblical Cross References

1 Cor 12:12-27 Ephesians 4:11-13 1 Peter 4:10-11 Matthew 25:14-30

**3. Allow the Gospel to Shape Your Relationships – (Romans 12:9-16):** Paul describes what genuine Christian love looks like in everyday relationships. Transformed believers should demonstrate sincerity, compassion, generosity, humility, and unity.

- † Love should be genuine, not hypocritical
- † Believers should honor and encourage one another
- † Compassion should shape how believers respond to others
- † Christian unity requires humility and maturity

#### Truths to See

- 1) Transformation should affect relationships
- 2) Christian love requires action
- 3) The gospel reshapes how believers treat people

#### Biblical Cross References

John 13:34-35 Philippians 2:1-5 Colossians 3:12-14 Galatians 5:22-23

**4. Leave Vengeance to God (12:17–21):** Believers are called to resist retaliation, pursue peace, and trust God with justice. Instead of responding to evil with revenge, Christians are called to overcome evil through good.

- † Believers should not repay evil for evil
- † Peace should be pursued whenever possible
- † Vengeance belongs to God alone (Leave for God – he does it better anyways)
- † Evil is overcome through good, not retaliation

#### Truths to See

- 1) Revenge is not the responsibility of believers
- 2) Trusting God requires surrendering retaliation
- 3) Christian witness is revealed in how believers respond to opposition

#### Biblical Cross References

Deut 32:35 Matthew 5:38–48 Proverbs 25:21–22 1 Peter 2:21–23