

# Lesson 10, ROMANS 12 & 13

Chapter 12 begins with the word “Therefore”, so we need to see what it is “there for”. In chapters 1-8, Paul gave us his beliefs about doctrine. In other words, he told us what we need to believe, or our right thinking about God and man. God has wrath against the sinfulness of man, BUT he has provided a way to be saved through his grace and that way is faith in Jesus as His Son.

Chapters 9-11 are about the Jewish nation and God’s sovereignty. Because of God’s mercy and sovereignty, we move into the practical application of what righteous living looks like in chapters 12-16.

1. Read Romans 12:1-3. If the body is the source of the flesh which is the enemy of righteous living, then why do you think God wants our body? What does this tell you about what God thinks about our ability to overcome? How do we become “holy and pleasing” to God? What is the plus of being transformed? How does transformation happen?

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2. In Romans 12:3-8, Paul addresses what a righteous person looks like in relationship to the church. What is that? In verses 9-21, Paul looks at what a righteous person looks like in relationship to society. What is that?

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3. Compare Romans 12:9-21 to 1 Corinthians 13.

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4. Why do you think God says for us not to avenge?

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5. Read Romans 13:1-7. Paul is now addressing what it means to be righteous in relation to government. What does this encourage you to do for those in governing positions?

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6. Read Romans 13:8-10. What is the message?

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7. Paul is sounding reveille in Romans 13:11-14. It's time to wake up and be what God intended you to be. What are we to "put aside? What are we to take up?

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**APPLICATION:** Have you given your body as a living sacrifice to God? What areas of life have been affected by that decision?

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**PRAYER:** Most merciful and gracious Father, your desire is for all your children to come to you and live their lives according to your will which is good, pleasing, and perfect. We thank you that you take us just as we are. You are in the business of transformation. Open each of our hearts to be guided and healed by your amazing grace. When we fall into past habits, pick us up and redirect our steps. We love you Father, and we praise you that through your son, we can be all you call us to be. In Jesus name, Amen.