

Opening Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Main Point: The Christian life is grace-shaped service.

Question for Today: What does this grace-shaped life of service look like?

Grace-shaped service as:

1. Conformity to Christ inwardly (2-3)

Cite: 1 Corinthians 4:7

Quote: "Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be [the sort of person] who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all."

Grace Shaped Service as:

2. Conformity to Christ in Community (4-8)

Cite: Romans 12:1

Cite: Romans 6:13

Cite: Romans 12:5

Applications and Lessons:

1. Everything you do for the Lord is important and meaningful.

2. All of life is worship

3. Guard your gifts from self-focus

Quote: "The governing principle seems to be that when we use a gift, we ought to use it simply in order to achieve what that gift is given for, and not in the service of some hidden self-serving agenda."