



**Book of Romans**  
**Lesson 5: Romans Chapters 10 – 12**

**1. Why do people reject the Gospel?**

**Romans 10:1-11**

This text is talking about the reasons why the Jewish people would not give their lives to Christ. It also shows us why people reject the Gospel today.

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**Romans 10:2, 3**

Many “religious” people are sincere and very zealous about their religion. However, it has no foundation because it is based in ignorance.

Ignorance is not just being uninformed. \_\_\_\_\_

This is why there is offence when confronted with the Gospel.

Imagine being told something is the right way for years, only to be confronted with the truth.

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**Romans 10:3**

The Jews taught that righteousness could be obtained by keeping the law.

This is a misunderstanding of righteousness.

The righteousness, given to us by God, is a complete change of our heart – a total transformation.

Religion is the same today. People believe if they do enough good things they will be okay with God.

- Unwillingness to submit to God's righteousness

### **Romans 10:3**

It is interesting here that it says we must submit to the righteousness of God.

A lot of Christians are like this. They gave their lives to Jesus but want to live as a Christian their "own" way.

Imagine telling God – "Thanks for your salvation – but now I am going to do this Christian thing my own way."

## **2. Jesus is Lord**

### **Romans 10:9, 10**

Definition of CONFESS: \_\_\_\_\_

When we are saved, we are acknowledging Jesus as Lord and submitting our lives to Him. This means at the moment we are saved and every day after that.

### **Romans 10:12, 13**

Salvation is available to everyone!

## **3. Missions**

In the next several verses, Paul makes a plea to the church for missions.

### **Romans 10:14, 15**

There is a progression found in these verses – it is listed backwards from the actual order in which it occurs.

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- Then they preach.
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- After they have heard, they believe.

The church is responsible for two things in this list: \_\_\_\_\_

The entire Body of Christ should be involved in sending and preaching.

**Romans 10:16**

Not everyone will believe when the Gospel is preached. In context, Paul is still talking about the Jews who are bound in their religion and tradition.

**Romans 10:17**

Paul is saying that faith for salvation comes when people hear the Gospel.

This verse is also true for anything you receive from God. Faith comes when the Word of God is heard.

In the Greek this means \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Gentiles giving their lives to Jesus****Romans 10:18-21**

This scripture is about the Gentiles coming to Jesus. It shows how the repentance of the Gentiles is stirring up the Jews.

At the end of Chapter 10 God was saying that He stretched out His hand to the Jewish people, but they rejected Him.

The Gentiles were not even seeking God, but still God came into their lives.

**Romans 11:1-11**

God did not turn His back on the Jewish people. They were blinded to the truth and wanted to earn righteousness through works.

**Romans 11:12-17**

Now Paul is talking to the Gentiles. We have been grafted into the olive tree. We were not a part of God's family, but through Jesus, we were brought into the covenant family.

**Romans 11:18-20**

Paul is talking about the Jews, who are like broken off branches.

**Romans 11:21-23**

The Jews who were cut off, can be brought back again! If they receive Jesus as the Messiah and Savior, they can be grafted back into the olive tree.

**Romans 11:24-36**

## 5. A living sacrifice

### Romans 12:1

A living sacrifice - A sacrifice is never living!

But we are to present our bodies as a sacrifice to God – a living sacrifice.

What does the Bible say about your body?

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### 1 Corinthians 6:13

- Your body is a part of the Body of Christ.

### 1 Corinthians 6:15

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### 1 Corinthians 6:19

- You are to glorify God in your body.

### 1 Corinthians 6:20

- Our bodies should be preserved blameless.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:23

## 6. It is your reasonable service

### Romans 12:1

**New International Version:** *This is your spiritual act of worship*

**Amplified Bible:** *Which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent), service and spiritual worship*

**Living Bible:** *When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?*

## 7. Not conformed to this world

### Romans 12:1, 2

Jesus told us that we would be \_\_\_\_\_ the world, but not \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

**John 15:19**

We are not to be conformed to the world.

Definition of CONFORMED: To behave according to the same pattern of; to fashion oneself according to

We are to be transformed!

Definition of TRANSFORMED: \_\_\_\_\_

It comes from the Greek word “metamorpho”.

Our lives have a complete metamorphosis when we renew our minds with the Word of God!

We are to be transformed into the image of Christ!

Conforming and transformation are both processes. Neither one of these things happens instantly.

Although conforming to the world can take place without any effort on our part, transformation takes effort and must be done on purpose.

Transformation takes place by renewing the mind.

**Philippians 2:5**

Renewing my mind is simply \_\_\_\_\_

I have thoughts and ideas in my mind that do not line up with God’s Word. They come from other people and Satan. They develop over time and become strongholds in my mind.

I recognize those thoughts, get rid of them, and replace them with God’s thoughts that come from His Word.

**Proverbs 23:7****Romans 12:2**

What happens we allow the Word of God to renew our minds and we become transformed?

Answer: We live in God’s will.

Definition of PROVE: \_\_\_\_\_

This is one of the most frequently asked spiritual questions by people – How do I live in God’s will?

Answer: Renew your mind! It will transform you and you will begin to walk in God’s will.

The will of God is described as good, acceptable, and perfect.

Definition of GOOD: Good, benefit

Definition of ACCEPTABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition of PERFECT: Perfect, complete, mature

Am I living in God’s will for my life? In order to answer this question, ask yourself another question – Are you developing and growing in spiritual maturity? Are you growing with God?

## **8. The measure of faith**

### **Romans 12:3**

Definition of TO THINK: To have an opinion about yourself.

Definition of SOBERLY: \_\_\_\_\_

Remember that Paul is dealing with problems between the Gentile believers and the Jewish believers. In this chapter he tells them not to think of themselves too highly.

Whether they have a Jewish background or a Gentile background, there are two things that are certain.

- God has dealt to each one of us a measure of faith.
- We are all a part of the body with different functions.

The correct translation is not “a” measure of faith – it is “the” measure of faith.

We all have been given the same measure, or amount, of faith. We are responsible to grow and strengthen what we have been given.

## **9. We are all a part of the body with different functions.**

### **Romans 12:4, 5**

Most of us are familiar with 1 Corinthians 12 where Paul talks about being one body with many members.

Paul goes on to list some of gifts that are found in the Body of Christ.

This list has become known as the “motivational gifts”. These are gifts that believers operate in. Most of the time a person leans strongly toward one or two of these.

### **Romans 12:6-8**

There are seven gifts listed here. Each of these gifts are necessary for a healthy church.

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A person with this gift has a motivation to see things change.

They are concerned with what is true and just.

Vision is often imparted through the prophetic gift.

This is not talking about the office of a prophet, which only some are called to.

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The Amplified Bible says – *practical service*

This person is happiest when serving others.

They enjoy fulfilling tasks and meeting needs.

Give them a list of things to do and they will do it.

They do not mind being the person “behind the scenes”.

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A person with this gift has a motivation to see understanding and stability come to the Body of Christ.

When they teach the Word of God they are detailed and often point by point.

They impart wisdom and understanding.

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This believer is an encourager.

Some pastors are like this. Their preaching is not like that of a teacher, but they are more of an encourager or motivator.

This person is always telling you – “You can do it!”

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Everyone is called to give. But this person is motivated by giving.

Not only do they see every opportunity to give, but they generate funds and resources for God’s Kingdom.

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This person is motivated to lead, bring structure, and administration.

When things are out of order, they bring order and cause things to work correctly.

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This person is motivated by compassion and kindness.

They bring love and acceptance to people.

So that they don’t carry a big load of people’s problems, Paul tells them to operate in their gift of mercy with cheerfulness.

## **10. An important list from the Apostle Paul**

In the remainder of this chapter, Paul gives us a list of attitudes and characteristics we should have toward one another in the Body of Christ and in the world.

This list is not filled with suggestions. These are powerful truths that should dictate the way we live and relate to people.

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### **Romans 12:9**

This influences my conversations, what movies I watch, and what candidates I vote for.

- Show respect and be courteous to others, often yielding to the way they want to do things.

### **Romans 12:10**

People are not supposed to “earn” your respect. You are supposed to live a respectful life.

- Serve the Lord with the qualities of a hard worker and strong spirit.

**Romans 12:11**

The King James Version says – *Not slothful in business*

This literally means to not be late.

As a Christian, you should also be the hardest and most diligent worker on your job.

Definition of FERVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

- Have confidence

**Romans 12:12**

This is what it means to rejoice in hope.

What good advice! Confidence is often the key to living in victory and success.

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This is what it means to be patient in tribulation.

When pressure comes, I stay right where I am. I will not be moved.

- Live a life of prayer and worship.

We are to continue steadfastly in prayer.

Living a life of worship and prayer keeps our focus right.

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**Romans 12:13**

See a need and meet it. Who can you help?

- Invite people to your house and get to know them.

Given to hospitality.

Definition of GIVEN: \_\_\_\_\_

- Speak well of people who are out to get you.

**Romans 12:14**

Never talk negatively about other people.

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### **Romans 12:15**

We are a part of the body.

Sometimes all someone needs to hear is – “I am with you. I am by your side.”

- Do not think you are “too good” to hang around certain people.

### **Romans 12:16**

Do not be socially proud. Be friends with everyone, no matter where they stand on the social ladder.

- Do not do bad things to people who do bad things to you. Instead live the kind of life where nobody can say anything evil about you.

### **Romans 12:17**

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#### **Romans 12:17 – Amplified Bible**

*Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is honest and proper and noble [aiming to be above reproach] in the sight of everyone.*

The next two verses have to do with the same thing – taking vengeance on others.

### **Romans 12:18, 19**

- Do good to your enemies in order to lead them to Jesus.

### **Romans 12:20, 21**

Evil cannot overcome itself. It is the same spirit. The only thing that can overcome evil is good, which comes from a different Spirit.

What does it mean to heap coals of fire on your enemy’s head?

This is quoted from Proverbs 25:21, 22

Giving someone burning coal was an act of kindness.

Burning coal was very valuable and was used for cooking and heating purposes.

If you were to give your neighbor or a friend burning coals it was an act of love and compassion.

To do this to an enemy repeatedly would be like piling coal on his conscience.

Eventually your good acts would bring shame and repentance to him.