

"Put on the Armor of Light"

Romans 12 & 13

December 4, 2011

WORSHIP

1 Therefore **I urge you**, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present **your bodies** a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is **your spiritual service** of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of **your mind**, so that **you** may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

WORKING WONDER

3 For **through the grace** given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think;

but

to think so as to have sound judgment,

as **God has allotted** to each a measure of faith.

4 For just as we have many members in one body and

all the members do not have the same function,

5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and

individually members one of another.

6 Since **we have gifts** that differ **according to the grace given to us**,

each of us is to exercise them accordingly:

if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

7 if service, in his serving;
- or he who teaches, in his teaching;

8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation;

- he who gives, with liberality;
- he who leads, with diligence;
- he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

WALKING WORSHIP

9 Let love be without hypocrisy.

- A. *Hate what is evil;*
- B. *Cling to what is good.*
- C. **10** *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love;*
- D. *give preference to one another in honor;*
- E. **11** *Never be lacking in zeal,*
- F. *Keep your spiritual fervor,*
- G. *Serving the Lord;*
- H. **12** *Be joyful, rejoicing in hope,*
- I. *Patient in affliction/persevering in tribulation,*
- J. *Devoted to prayer,*
- K. **13** *Share with God's people/the saints who are in need,*
- L. *Practicing hospitality.*
- M. **14** *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*
- N. **15** *Rejoice with those who rejoice, and*
- O. *Mourn/weep with those who weep/mourn.*
- P. **16** *Live in harmony with one another;*
- Q. *Do not be proud, but*
- R. *Be willing to associate with people of low position.*
- S. *Do not be conceited/wise in your own estimation.*
- T. **17** *Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.*
- U. *Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.*
- V. **18** *If possible, so far as it depends on you, be/live at peace with all men.*
- W. **19** *Never take your own revenge, beloved/friends, but*
- X. *Leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written,*

"VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

20 *"BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."*

- Y. **21** *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Personal Note:

WILLING SUBMISSION

1 Every person is to be in subjection to **the governing authorities.**

For **there is no authority except from God,**

And

those which exist are established by God.

2 Therefore

whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God;
and

they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon
themselves.

3 For

rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior,
but
for evil.

Do you want to have no fear of authority?

Do what is good

and you will have praise from the same;

4 for

it is a minister of God to you for good

But

if you do what is evil,
be afraid;

for

it does not bear the sword
for nothing;

for **it is a minister of
God,**

an avenger

who brings wrath

on the one who
practices evil.

5 Therefore

it is necessary to be in subjection,

not only because of wrath,

but

also for conscience' sake.

6 For

because of this you also pay taxes,

for **rulers are servants of God,**

devoting themselves to this very thing.

7 Render to all

what is due them:

tax to whom tax is due;

custom to whom custom;

fear to whom fear;

honor to whom honor.

WANT-TO...

8 *Owe nothing to anyone*

*except to **love one another**;*

*for **he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.***

9 *For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,"*

and if there is any other commandment,

it is summed up in this saying,

"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

10 *Love does no wrong to a neighbor;*

therefore

love is the fulfillment of the law.

WAKE UP!

11 *Do this, **knowing the time**,*

*that **it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep**;*

for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

12 *The **night is almost gone**,*

*and **the day is near**.*

Therefore

let us lay aside the deeds of darkness

*and **put on the armor of light**.*

13 *Let us behave properly as in the day,*

not in carousing

and (not in) drunkenness,

not in sexual promiscuity

and (not in) sensuality,

not in strife

and (not in) jealousy.

14 *But (in direct contrast)*

***put on the Lord Jesus Christ**,*

and (subsequently) make no provision for the flesh, in regard to its lusts. (Gal. 2:20)

- **Romans 14-15 = WEAK & STRONG**
- **Romans 15-16 = "WE" & WATCH OUT!**

Personal Notes: