

"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: