

Gaining A Greater Grasp On The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

Therefore! Because of God's Mercy & Grace: **Personal & Practical Steps To Strengthen Our Walk**

—Lessons to Learn From Romans 11:36–12:1

(w/ support from Romans 1–12)

Most people won't/don't care about what we **BELIEVE**
until they see how we **BEHAVE**.

But —our **BELIEFS** are the **BASIS** for our **BEHAVIOR** .

and —we need to make sure they are **BIBLICAL**.

The THREE “R’s” in Romans 12:

(1) Our RELATIONSHIPS

- with God
- with people

(2) Our REPUTATION

- with people who observe us & watch our behavior

(3) Our RESPECT

- for God & His authority over our lives

What do we find/see/observe in Romans 12?

There are 31 separate, yet very closely related instructions for faithful followers of the Lord. Over the next few weeks, we're planning to look carefully at them to analyze and apply them to our lives (in bite-sized portions)!

—Observing the THEME emphasized in Romans 12:1—

God's **MERCIES** should **MOTIVATE** His faithful
followers to **GIVE GLORY** to Him. We do this by
SUBMITTING to His authority & **SURRENDERING**
to His agenda when we **OFFER OURSELVES** as a
SACRIFICE of **THANKSGIVING** to God!

—Observing what Romans 12:1 teaches/tells us:

“**Therefore**, I urge (plead, exhort, encourage) you, brothers and sisters, because of the mercies of God (richly provided for all who have trusted in Christ), to present (offer, give) your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual (reasonable) service of worship.”

—1— **Whenever we're confronted with God's TRUTH,**
we need to _____!

—“Therefore, I urge you” forces us to focus on Romans 1-11,
where in distinct details, Paul defined what he meant by the
mercies of God!

1—Everyone's **BIGGEST** _____: {Romans 1–3}

2—God's _____: {Romans 3–6}

3—The believer's _____: {Romans 6–7}

4—God’s: {Romans 7–8}

God’s indwelling Holy Spirit provides security & assurance!

5—God’s: {Romans 8–11}

God is in complete control! He orchestrates all things to work together in order to accomplish His will and fulfill His promises!

6—Our: {Romans 11:36}

God gives us the privilege of worship!
“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever. Amen.”

—2— In **RESPONSE** to the mercies of God, we give Him glory!

This is our service of worship!

—The most LOGICAL action. The (only) RIGHT RESPONSE

—Observing how the truth in Romans 12:1 RELATES to our lives:

—1— Paul’s encouragement in Romans 12 says that the Christian **LIFESTYLE**... —is not:

a set of to follow!

a list of we *check off* as done!

a for personal pride or boasting!

—instead, it’s:

a of our sinful condition!

a of dependence on God’s provision!

a with God that we need to nurture!

—2— The **FOUNDATION** of our relationship with God is!

—3— The **FOCUS** of our response to God’s grace is!