

Paul's Letter to the

Romans



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Definitions

- Mercy *eleos* – kindness, goodwill, not getting (punishment) what you deserve
criminal asking of the judge.
- Grace *charis* – sweetness, charm, delight. Getting (favor) what you do not deserve, cannot earn.

Natural responses...

- By the mercies (see 11:30-32)!
- Present - Rom 6:13, 16, 19
 - To offer for service -
 - Living sacrifice - bodies = *soma*
 - Service of worship to God
 - AND beware the other "squeeze"
 - 1 Pet 1:14 - *suschematizo*

Life of a sacrifice

- This is the reality of the faith walk
 - Trusting God's grace, mercy... daily!
 - The world will seek to "press" us
 - By God's mercy only!
- *metamorphoo* - Mt 17:12; 2Co 3:17,18
- Renew you mind - Titus 3:5 renovation

How to renew your mind:

- By cutting off world/present age - *aion*
- By replacing it! Phil 2:1 ff "Let this mind"
- By living the word
- By proving, discerning the will of God!
- Good, acceptable and perfect...

God's will

- Good – that which is a benefit *agathos*
- Acceptable – process of realizing the outcome – well-pleased *euarestos*
- Perfect – goodness and beauty yield this, completeness *teleios*
- This is our response to the present age

Life in Grace 12:3-21

- Since we can deceive ourselves...
- Start with proper thinking about you!
 - Not too high... 'as you should' (3)
 - Primary sin, exalting ourselves...
 - Soberly – sound judgment, right mind
 - According to 'measure of faith'
 - If God given, then it must be used for Him

True for all, but especially

- Those in 'ministry'! Context here...
 - Similar to 1 Cor 12
 - 1 body many members/parts
 - Do not have same function/deeds
 - 1 body (*soma*) of Christ, all members
 - Grace gifts (6)
 - We exercise them...

A list of (some) ministries

- Prophecy - *propheteia*, by faith
- Service - *diakonia*
- Teaches - *didasko*
- Exhorts - *parakaleo*
- Giving - *metadidomi*, bestow among
- Leading - *proistemi*, to care for, be over
- Mercy - *eleeo*, help afflicted