

LIVING THE TRANSFORMED LIFE

Romans 12:9-14

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Christian is to worship God
 - 1) He is to offer his body to God
 - 2) This is intelligent worship

- B. The Christian is to be transformed
 - 1) He is to refuse to be molded by the world
 - 2) He is to renew his mind

- C. The Christian is to function in the body
 - 1) He is not to overestimate his worth
 - 2) Whatever his gift, he is to exercise it to the fullest of his abilities.

- D. There are certain problems that must be met and dealt with as a Christian.
 - 1) These are the things a transformed person will do
 - 2) They are not things the world would do. They are foolishness to the world.

- I. How the Transformed Person Lives
 - A. *"Let love be without dissimulation"* verse 9
 - 1) "love"
 - 2) "dissimulation" = ανυποκριτος = "unhypocritical", "without playing a part"

 - B. *"abhor that which is evil"*
 - 1) "abhor" = αποστυγω = "to shudder with horror"
 - 2) "evil" = πονηρος = "causing pain, sorrow"

 - C. *"cleave to that which is good"*
 - 1) "cleave" = κολλω = "to glue", "cement", "join fast"

2) "good" = το = "the" + αγαθον = "good thing"

D. *"be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;"* *verse 10*

1) *"kindly affectioned"* = φιλοστοργος = "full of tenderness" It denotes the delicate affections mutually rendered by those who cherish one another with natural affection, such as parents to children.

2) *"brotherly love"* = φιλαδελφια = "love of the brethren"

E. *"in honor preferring one another"*

1) *"honour"* = τιμη = "esteem", "respect"

2) *"preferring"* = προηγεομαι = "to lead forward", "go on before", "take the lead"

3) *"Out do one another in showing honour"* Rsv.

F. *"not slothful in business;"* *verse 11*

1) *"slothful"* = οκνηρος = "slow", "tardy", "idle"

2) *"business"* = σπουδη = "haste", "speed", "an earnest, serious purpose"

3) *"Never tardy in a serious purpose"*

G. *"fervent in spirit"*

1) *"fervent"* = ζεω = "to boil", "to be hot"

2) *"spirit"* = πνευμα = "the life from God"

H. *"serving the Lord"*

1) *"serving"* = δουλευω = "to serve as a slave"

2) *"Lord"* = κυριος = "might", "mighty"

II. More Duties of a Christian

A. *"Rejoicing in hope;"* *verse 12*

1) χαιρω = "to be glad", "to be delighted"

2) ελπις = "expectation of something future that will bring good"

B. "patient in tribulation"

- 1) υπομενω = "to remain behind when others have gone",
"to remain under", "to endure"
- 2) φλιψις = "pressure", "compression"

C. "continuing instant in prayer"

- 1) προσκαρτερω = "to be strong or firm towards
anything, to be continually in with or near any person
or anything."
- 2) προσευχη = "towards" + "speaking out to"

D. "distributing to the necessity of saints" verse 13

- 1) κοινωνω = "to be partaker of or in anything
with any person, to share in common."
- 2) χρεια = use, want, poverty

E. "given to hospitality"

- 1) διωκω = "to set in quick motion"
- 2) φιλοξενια = "love to strangers"

**F. "bless them which persecute you: bless and curse not"
verse 14**

- 1) ευλογω = "to speak well of", "praise"
- 2) διωκω = "to cause to flee", "to pursue after",
"to pursue with malignity"