

LIVING THE TRANSFORMED LIFE

Romans 12:15-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Christians are to live a transformed life
 - 1) *"Not conformed to this world"*
 - 2) *"but...transformed"*
 - 3) *"by the renewing (making over) of your mind"*

- B. They are to function in the body
 - 1) They are many members in one body
 - 2) They are to be fervent and zealous

- C. Paul writes of the characteristics of those who are living the transformed life
 - 1) *verse 6 - 14*
 - 2) *verse 15 - 18*

- I. Living the Transformed Life
 - A. *"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." verse 15*
 - 1) χαίρω = "to be delighted or pleased"
 - 2) "when others are happy be happy with them"
 - 3) κλαίω = "to lament", "to grieve"
 - 4) "If they are sad, share their sorrow" Tay.
 - 5) Often times we reverse this order!

 - B. *"Be of the same mind one toward another" verse 16*
 - 1) "mind" = "to have the same thing in mind"
 - 2) "have equal regard for one another"

 - C. *"mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate" verse 16b*
 - 1) "mind" = φρονέω = "to regard", "to have in mind"
 - 2) "high things" = υψηλός = "exalted" + τα = "the"
 - 3) "Do not be haughty or snobbish"

D. *"...but condescend to men of low estate" verse 16c*

- 1) συναπαγω = "to lead off or away with anyone"
- 2) τοις ταπεινοις = "low", "opposite of high"
- 3) "mingle with the lowly" Nor
- 4) Take the lead in being friendly with the lowly

E. *"Be not wise in your own conceits" verse 16d*

- 1) "wise" = φρονιμος = "understanding", "sensible"
- 2) "conceits" = παρα = "with", "in the estimation of" + εαυτοις, "yourselves", "your own selves"
- 3) "And don't think you know it all!" Tay.

F. *"recompense to no man evil for evil" verse 17a*

- 1) αποδιδωμι = "to give away from one's self"
- 2) "evil" = κακος = "every form of bad or evil"
- 3) "Never return injury for injury" IENT
- 4) Love fulfills "tooth for tooth" of the Old Testament

G. *"provide things honest in the sight of all men" vs. 17b*

- 1) "provide" = ηρονοεω = "to perceive beforehand"
- 2) "honest" = καλον = "beautiful", "comely", "noble"
- 3) "sight of" = "in the presence of"
- 4) "See that you are above reproach in the eyes of everyone" Gspd.
- 5) "A good report of them without"

H. *"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men"*

- 1) "If" = ει = "if" + δυνατος = "able to be done"
- 2) ο εξ ου, "the out of you" = "according to your ability" + ειρηνευω = "to practice peace"
- 3) "If you can, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men"