

SERMON NOTES

Be The Church: A Transformed People Bringing God's Love to a Conformed World

Romans 12:1–21 | Matt Green | May 30, 2021

A Right Mind (12:1–2)

- God's mercies in saving us call for a reasonable/spiritual response
- We are to present our bodies as living sacrifices
- Our minds must be transformed
 - Our thinking is going to be formed in some way
 - If we aren't actively transformed with the mind of Christ, we can expect to be conformed to the world's thinking

We should put ourselves in the best position for the Spirit to transform our minds — carefully guarding what we take in, and making sure we have a consistent diet of Scripture and solid biblical teaching.

A Right View of Ourselves (12:3–8)

- We should carefully consider what roles God has — and has *not* — given us to fill in the church
- Gifts are not so much about abilities given to individuals as they are about people who are given to the church to share God's love in particular ways

For the church to truly be the church God intends it to be, each of us must fill the role God has assigned to us.

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A Right Love for Brothers and Sisters (12:9–16)

- We are to *genuinely* love our brothers and sisters in God's family
- We celebrate together in the joys of life, and support one another in times of trouble or sorrow
- We also earnestly pursue hospitality for those who are strangers to our church family

We need to spend time together as a church family to provide maximum opportunity for the Spirit to develop real love for one another.

A Right Response to Enemies (12:17–21)

- We should respond in love and kindness to those who wrong us and even those who persecute us
- “Heaping burning coals” on an enemy’s head probably has to do with kind acts prompting shame which leads to repentance
- Evil is overcome in our world as God’s people live in God’s good ways

We must not fight fire with fire in our relationships with others, but with the offer of a cup of cold water.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.