

Live in Mercy

Romans 12:1-3

Introduction

Romans clearly shows us that we live under the mercy of God.

Luke 10:25 The Good Samaritan Story Jesus spoke of great mercy being shown by the Samaritan.

God does not operate in fairness but in mercy. God has shown overwhelming mercy for all humanity.

Romans 1-8 Speaks of mercy being given to Gentiles.

Romans 9-11 Speaks of God's mercy toward Jews.

Mercy is not sentiment.

Mercy is not softness.

Mercy is compassion in action.

Lamentation 3:22-23

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning great is thy faithfulness."

Ephesians 2:4-6

"But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved. And hath raised us up together and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Verses 30-32 of Romans 11 speak of the mercy of God

Verse 1 - Be a Living Sacrifice

1. I urge you by the mercies of God
2. Present your bodies
3. Living sacrifice
4. Holy and acceptable
5. Reasonable = rational/logical
6. Service/Worship
7. John 4 – worship in Spirit and in truth
8. The Spirit lives inside of us all the time
9. We live giving our life to God as an offering

Verse 2 – Be Transformed and Not Conformed

1. How do you live as a living sacrifice?
2. Do not be conformed.
3. Conformed = schemed by this world.
4. How do you keep from being schemed?
5. By being transformed.
6. Transformed = metamorphosis.
7. By the renewing of the mind.
8. It is not the don't's but the do's.
9. It is not about denial of sin but pursuit of God.
10. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.
11. Be a display of all God accepts by pursuing Him.

Verse 3 – Be Humbly Sober

1. Through Grace.
2. Don't think you are greater than anyone else in the church.
3. Be sober/alert/sharp.
4. All have been given a measure of faith.

Conclusion

1. We do not live for Jesus to gain mercy.
2. We live for Jesus because we have been given great mercy.
3. We are not conformed by the world.
4. We are transformed.
5. We walk sober and humble before God.

Challenge

1. Present your life to God as a gift.
2. Pursue God as you reject the world.
3. Prove the will of God in your life.