

Romans XII
April 11, 2021

Roadmap: The Practice of Righteousness by Believers

- A. An Appeal for Total Devotion (12:1-2)
- B. Responsibilities to the Church and Beyond (12:3-21)

Backdrop: Paul has concluded 11 chapters (315 verses) of profound and stirring teaching, using _____ to teach what we must _____ and _____ about God and what He _____ and _____ for _____. God has lavished believers with _____ (not giving us what we deserve – _____) and with _____ (giving us what we do not deserve – _____).

He concludes chapter 11 with a powerful _____ ... that starts with "*Oh, the depth of the riches of both the wisdom and knowledge of God ...*" and concludes with 12 words that encapsulate all of existence:

FOR

Paul in chapter 12 switches to _____ to _____ believers how to respond to this _____.

Structure: Romans XII can be broken into two sections, each with three subsections:

1. DEVOTE YOURSELF TO THE LORD (V1-8)
 - a. SACRIFICE YOURSELF TO GOD (V1)

b. DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD (V2)

c. USE YOUR GOD-GIVEN SPIRITUAL GIFTS (V3-8)

2. LOVE AS CHRIST LOVED (V9-21)

a. LOVE THOSE IN THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY (V9-13)

b. LOVE THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY (V14)

c. LOVE ALL PEOPLE (V15-21)