

Where We're Going

- Historical context
- Scriptural context
 - Local to chapter 12
 - In the New Testament
- Exposition/Discussion
- Practical application
 - What does this look like?
 - How do I do this?

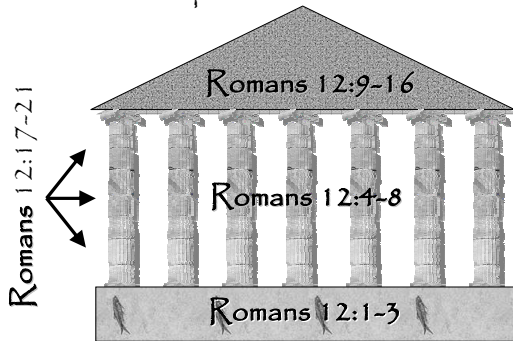
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Historical Context

- Rome's capital
- Politicians
- Multi-Cultural
- Deception
- Superficiality
- Idolatry/Mythology
- Self-righteousness

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Chapter Context



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“...[B]y the mercies of God
present your bodies as
a living sacrifice...”

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In other words: because of your identification with Christ, resting in your relationship with Him, and position in the Heavens: the rest of this chapter is a logical outcome of His life in you.

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Let Love Not Be Two Faced

- Knowledge, in itself, does not edify. It is love that edifies; it is love that builds up. -- W. A. Criswell
- Love was treated as a secondary concept in contrast to blatant hedonism in the Roman culture
- Tolerance is not love

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Abhor Evil, Cling to What is Good

- Genuine love abhors the wickedness of man
 - Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in truth. (1 Cor. 13:6)
 - Evil is hurtful
 - Evil is selfish
 - Evil Olive is a palindrome

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Be Devoted to One Another in Philadelphia

- Philadelphia is means brotherly love
- Devotion goes beyond
 - Tolerance
 - Being nice
 - Shaking hands
 - Lip service
 - Two faced love (see verse 9)

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Give Preference to One Another in Honor

- The word for Preference in the Greek (proēgeomai) means to lead. The implication is to be an example of honoring others.
- Honor has to do with indicating value to someone, to esteem them highly

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Serve the Lord with Diligence & a Burning Spirit

- When you serve the lord, your spirit should be boiling over with energy
- The natural reaction for the new creation is to serve the Lord with diligence, it doesn't know mediocrity, it doesn't know apathy, it only knows the fullness of Christ and the supernatural power of His Spirit working in our lives

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Rejoice in Hope

- What is Hope? [besides my second daughter's middle name]
- What are we hoping in?

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Persevere in Tribulation

- The Greek for Persevere is a compound word that could be translated, "to stay under"
- Tribulation is pressure
- What does staying under pressure look like?
- Hebrews 12:2

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Be Devoted to Prayer

- I Thessalonians 5:17
Pray without ceasing
- What are the results of a praying lifestyle?

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Contribute to the Needs of the Saints

- What is required first for this verse to be fulfilled?
- How does this verse tie in with Philippians 4:18-19?

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Practice Hospitality

- Name 5 benefits of hospitality, please.
- What attitude does hospitality require?
- What makes Holy Spirit lead hospitality different from a good breakfast at Denny's

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Bless Those Who Persecute You

- Should this come from within the body?
- What earlier verse should we take strength and purpose in while we fulfill this urging?

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Rejoice with Those Who Rejoice

- Philippians 4:4 – Whom is our rejoicing in?
- Is there something wrong with a person *not* rejoicing?

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Weep with Those Who Weep

- Weeping indicates wailing out loud, deep grief
- What does this do for the mourner?
- What does this do for the co-mourner?
- Where does the root of the co-mourning come from?

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Be of the Same Mind

- What makes being of the same mind possible?

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Do Not Be Haughty, but Associate with the Lowly

- How does this apply to the self-esteem movement?
- How can a believer who is beholding the Lord have a self elevating attitude?
- Lowly implies someone who has been humiliated – name at least one example of Christ reaching out to the lowly

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Do Not Be Wise in Your Own Eyes

- What is true wisdom?

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So What Does This Look Like?

- The Early Church
 - Acts 2:42-47
- Elders
 - I Timothy 3:1-7
 - Titus 1:6-9

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