

Our Savior Lutheran School 6th Grade Review of Romans 12
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Romans 12 is about our sacrifice for the love of God and our love for others. We must humbly worship God and ask for his mercy and we must love friends, those in a lower social status than us and our enemies. We are born with one body which functions with many members and we are the members of the body of Christ. We must form one body of Christ and use our talents to complement the talents of others according to the grace given to us.

Romans 12:3 says: "For the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. This verse is like a warning from God that we shouldn't put ourselves above others. We are all unique in our own way and we all have special gifts that we need to share with others and we need them to share their gifts with us. Whatever a person's gift is, we must encourage them to use their gift for the betterment of everyone. When everyone is using their gifts to benefit everyone then serving God will become so much easier.

Romans 12:9 says, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good." This verse is like an instruction from God teaching us that we should be devoted to one another in brotherly love. We should honor one another above ourselves. In other words, no one person is more important than another. We all bring something to benefit others and we should appreciate others who have a gift to benefit us.

We need to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. We need to share with God's people who are in need and practice hospitality. This implies that we need to be benevolent to others and ask others to help us when we are in need.

Romans 12:19 impressed me with, "Do not take revenge, my friends but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord." This verse is like God's promise to protect us from evil. We shouldn't have it in our hearts to take revenge on our own, but to leave it to God and he will take care of it for us. What we should do is the opposite of revenge. We will feed our enemy if he is hungry and give him drink if he is thirsty. If we do this, it will confuse them and be like having hot burning coals on their heads.

Romans 12 teaches us to appreciate the unique differences everyone has to benefit each other. God has given each of us unique gifts and we need to use them to help others and encourage others to use their gifts to help us. Romans 12:1:21 is about God's love for us and our love for each other. We are the members of Christ and we should function as one. As children of God, we should trust that God will take care of us and protect us and we should leave revenge of others up to God. Romans 12:21 sums it up best: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The most difficult part of Romans 12:1:21 is not to try to take earthly matters into your own hands. We are all a part of the greater good of God and to try to live our lives on just our gifts from God alone will be difficult. We

need to trust in God that others with their special gifts will share them with us and we should leave matters of revenge up to God.

If we live our lives according to Romans 12:1-21 and encourage others to do so, we will serve Christ in the most efficient way. We should use our gifts from God to benefit others and they should do the same. Anyone who reads Romans 12:1:21 will benefit from simple instructions of love from God. The messages are clear to live a good life that will benefit others and others will live their lives to benefit you. They will learn that God is watching over us and if we trust in God's love and the others who are doing the same, we will be able to worship Christ in an efficient way.

M. B. April 16, 2008

It was a rainy day and there was nothing to do. I went into my room and found a big black book. It said "The Holy Bible". I read chapter 12. I found three interesting lessons. They interest me because they are lessons that people don't really follow. I myself don't follow these rules, nor do you.

When someone does something bad to you, you would normally want to get even. In Romans 12, God said that you should not have vengeance because God will take care of everything; so, we should just ignore the person that harmed you. It is not wise to take vengeance because it will keep on going and never be terminated. This is why everyone has a nemesis.

According to the Bible everyone has different gifts or talents that are given by God. Some people are good at sports and some people are good at cooking. What are you good at? You need to search deep down in your soul to find your talent and share it with everyone. Everyone is essential to God. If you were not alive the world would not properly function.

God said we should love one another including our enemies. This may be the most difficult rule to follow because almost everyone hates someone. The eleven disciples all hated Judas for arresting Jesus, but Jesus didn't get mad at Judas because he simply forgave him. It is possible for humans to forgive because Jesus was a human too and forgave many people. Instead of hating one another we should forgive one another and become friends.

Romans 12 is about loving one another and that we are special in our own way. These lessons in Romans 12 should be followed by everyone not just by a few people. You can help others find their gifts and teach them to love one another. If you do this, a lot of people will thank you for helping them.

S.L. April 16, 2008

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Tom found flaws in his life and read Romans 12. He received some good advice from that chapter.

It is important to offer your bodies as living sacrifices to God as an act of worship. God says not to think of your self highly. He says that each of us have different gifts and to serve God with those gifts.

Another important thing is love. Love must not be fake but sincere and hate is evil. Be joyful and share God's love to other people. Do not be vengeful and overcome evil with good, not be overcome by evil.

Lastly, devotion to God is crucial. Praise God, pray to him, and spread the good news of God's grace. Go to church and read the Bible. Those are the three important things that Tom learned by reading Romans 12. I believe that those are important in achieving a Christian lifestyle among many other things. So go out and follow these three important things. You have learned three helpful and beneficial pieces of information.

H.K. April 16, 2008

The worst thing happened yesterday. Joe was so mean to me he pushed me on purpose, but I didn't get hurt except for my feelings; so, I thought I wanted pay him back and get him so good he felt as bad as I did. I would not stop until I got him back, but I thought about when I read Romans 12 and these three words spoke to me—overcome, peace, and different.

The words overcome, peace, and different spoke to me because. We'll overcome tells me to overcome temptations where the devil tries to pull me into sin. Peace is good because it reminds me to stay calm and keep tranquility in my life. Different helps me because everyone is different, and I just have to deal with it

I learned to just say, "I forgive you, Joe, and then Joe said, "I am very sorry about how I treated you".

J.I. April 16, 2008

Splash! Bob dived into the water and started swimming. Racing five other people, he was swimming his fastest. He was half way there. So close to the finish line, he almost jumped out of the water. Then he finally touched the other side. He hurried, got dressed and went off. When he was finished he was eager to see the results. Bob found the coaches, he asked what place he came in, and the coach said "Bobby I don't know how to tell you this but... you came in first!"

Next day at school Bob couldn't wait to tell his friends. "Hey guys!" Bob said when they finally got to meet each other during lunch. "Guess what place I got in the swim race".

"I don't know, what" said Fred.

"What about you Joe?"

"mmmmmm second?"

"Nope, first!"

"Wow!"

"Good for you!" said the two. Then came up Charlie and Bill the school bullies.

"Oh no" said Fred.

"Heard you three talking about your little paddle race" said Bill.

"Yeah, he came in first," said Joe.

"It doesn't matter, swimming is for wimpies." said Charlie.

Then Bob said, "Everyone has different gifts according to the grace given to us. For example, if someone is good at cooking let him cook." Bob finished this with a look of satisfaction. "By doing this it will make everyone happier. It will also bring more peace to the world."

That afternoon Bob, Fred, and Joe went to go do homework in the park together. When they got there they got out their books and their pencils. They got to a question where none of them could agree on. They continued arguing until it got too dark to finish. It was time to go home and they all left mad at each other. A fellow student from 3rd grade offered to help since they were stuck on a problem. They told him to go away. We should all live in harmony together. We will accomplish more things in life if we do. In addition, we will be happier and more loving. Another thing to do is not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

When Bob got home he hurried and got to bed 'cause it was so late. Bob had dreams of Fred, Joe, and he forgiving each other and getting along in the future. When Bob's alarm went off at 6:00 a.m., he got dressed, ate breakfast, brushed his teeth, and put on his shoes. Then when he went to go and pack his bag where he left it on the couch, it was not there. "Mom!" cried Bob "do you know where my bag is?"

"No!" mom shouted back. "Last time I saw it, it was on the couch."

Bob saw his little brother giggling on the stairs about something. He went to go look. Then he saw that his brother had the bag. "Get back here!" Bob shouted, but it was no use. Zack, his little brother, was running up the stairs. "I need that!" Bob yelled. Bob finally got up the stairs and caught Zack. Bob was boiling with anger. He was about to explode. He took the bag from Zack and said "What do you think you're doing?!" Bob was still so mad he punched Zack right in the jawbone. Zack grunted with pain and Bob stormed off with his bag and started to pack it, shoving his bags in carelessly. When Bob got on the bus he remembered in religion that in Romans 12:17 it said 'do not repay anyone evil for evil'. if you don't repay anyone evil for evil God will be happy. It will help the evil people become nice. Bob then felt very guilty on punching his brother.

By doing these three things, it will help you and every one in life. People help people and forgive people. So go out and live in harmony, don't repay anyone evil for evil, and let people use their gifts given by God. By doing this people will be happy, God will be happy, and you will be happy.

E.H. April 16, 2008

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“He stole my lunch!” I said.

“I know, I’ll steal his cheeseburger and fries tomorrow.” I said.

Romans 12 says to not repay evil with evil, which means do not take revenge. Instead help one another and be kind to one another. This is true because it is God’s responsibility to make things right. Trust in God because he will take care of you.

To honor one another is to be nice and have peace with them. This is a good choice because if you do the right thing, it is good in God’s eyes, and it will show God’s everlasting love for us.

Hate what is evil, cling to what is good. Hate will always lead you to disaster. Your life will be a lot better if you do the right thing.

Overall, try to do the right thing to make people feel better, and it won’t cause chaos. You should do these acts positively because later you’ll be happy you did it. Now go practice it at school or even at work with your co-workers; God has great plans for you!

J.E. April 16, 2008

Offering human body sacrifices is a thing that is holy and pleasing. Offering sacrifices to God is showing respect and faith. Offering a sacrifice, for example, a large lamb or a small lamb doesn’t matter. If your lamb or whatever is big, you basically are showing off. God’s will to you or anybody else is pleasing and perfect. Living sacrifices are done by cutting the neck of the lamb and then setting it on an altar or something, or you stab the animal and then burn it. Living human sacrifices is offering your body spiritual, which is pleasing to God and shows worship.

On earth you should not think yourself higher or lower because in Heaven it does not matter how old or young, big, tall, handsome or ugly you are. God treats you with love no matter how you are. He loves you. Every one of you has your own gift. Some are bad and some change. God gives you a gift to fit you even if you don’t want it. It will come to use somehow. For example, you want to be a gymnast, but your parents can’t afford it. You are really good at memorizing so you can learn spelling easily well; you study and go to nationals or higher if you can go higher. You win 1st place. You have enough money to pay for gymnastics.

Some people in the world are generous and for that, things come back to those that are good. Your friend needs money for the movies. You are saving for a Play Station, but he wants to see the movie. You give him the money, and you watch the movie. At the end, they pass out a ticket with a number and it will be shown on TV whoever has the number gets a Play Station. Well, you have the number. The people who aren’t generous in the world are usually people who need money or just are not “nice.” Generosity keeps people living in this world, like the people starving and the homeless.

Love is what God is. He loves his people. We are his creation. God does not enjoy his people hurting each other nor cursing or stealing from each other. People should not cheat, but the bad people in this world who do kill and are

allowed are the police and the army, because they have to keep the world secure for all the rule breakers. God’s love and our respect for him by sacrifices shows that we have faith, “not mine’s bigger or more better”, we are all equal in God’s world and God’s Heaven.

R.T. April 17, 2008