

MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK

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Living From a Firm Foundation

Overview: Athletic teams that excel in the fundamentals of their sport, most often are successful in the win column. Those teams understand that the fundamentals are foundational to their success and those teams apply those fundamentals (foundational skills) to their games. Today, many followers of Christ have gone overboard on “knowing” about Christ. Bible study, sermons, podcasts, Biblical books and seminars,I think you get the picture. Unfortunately, many of these well-meaning followers fail to apply their knowledge to life. Today as we look at Romans 8 and 12, let's see if we can take some foundational truths and instructions in living and apply both to our lives!

Video: Bible Project | Romans 5-16: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SVTI4Xa5fY>

Segment Questions: (References are on back)

Romans 8

- Of all the references mentioned in the introduction and the verses listed from Romans 8, what is the most meaningful to you and why? I think it is OK to have more than one!
- Have you ever experienced Romans 8:26? Would you want to share? How does this verse impact your prayer life?
- Romans 8: 28, do we always see the good God is working in those that love Him? Explain. Is it possible we are still waiting to see it, or may never see it/understand it while we are on this earth? Can you live with that being OK? And if you can.....how should that impact your daily living?

Romans 12

- I used the message for verses 1 and 2 because I think Peterson really shows what a daily life sacrificed to God is about. Can we live out that sacrifice and live in culture? (some people don't - for example, monks and Amish) How does what you know from Romans 8 help you sacrifice and live in the culture?

Romans 12:9-19 (please look up)

- Paul tells us approximately 24 things we should do in our lives! Which are easy for us to do? What are hard for us to do? In light of Romans 8, how can we live out these things we are not doing?

Action Question:

Approximately 5 years after Paul wrote Romans, Christians were being persecuted and the Christian religion was becoming marginalized. Today, history seems to be repeating itself. How do we stay firm and bold in our faith as the culture seems to want to make us irrelevant?

Closing Personal Prayer: God makes us not only hearers of your Word, but also DOERS. Thank you for your Word

Introduction

Last week you may recall Rick saying during his discussion “Dave you are going to tell us how to live next week” or something to that fact. Well, I believe Paul gives us great insight in how to live and I am excited to get to talk about two important chapters in the Bible. I want to focus on Romans 8 and 12. However, I also need to comment on the other chapters in this study.

Chapters 5-8 reveal the creation of a “new humanity” through Jesus. No longer does man live in sin and death, but now forgiveness and life. Now man has the Spirit living in him. Chapters 9-11 talk about Gentiles and Jews that have decided to follow Christ. It also looks at those who have rejected Christ and compares living in rejection vs living in acceptance. Chapters 12 -16 focus on living in unity in the church; not getting caught up in many of the cultural differences/laws of a very diverse church; and finally Paul’s desire for Love and Grace to be shown to all people in the church.

My main focus is on chapters 8 and 12. We see things in chapter 8 like: *there is now condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. Verse 1.the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. Verse 11.....And since we are his children, we will share in his treasures--*. Chapter 8 gives us the foundation to live out our lives revealed in chapter 12.

My hope is that we can become grounded in Christ and say like Paul, “to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Romans 8: 26 | In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us.....

Romans 8: 28 | And we know in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8: 31 |if God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8: 35-37

Romans 12:1-2 | *The Message*: So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life---and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

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