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Romans Twelve Road Map into the Presence of God

An email arrived from granddaughter Sara, exciting as usual. She is busy caring for her family, Jake is in flight training for the Air Guard and Little Jax, at seventeen months is ready to stand on two feet and go!

In her spare time Sara decided to memorize Romans 12:9-21. She copied it in her beautiful artistic flair and sent it to me. I corrected one tiny typo, then congratulated her. Then I reread chapter twelve of Romans, reflecting on its message.

The chapter sub-head in the NASB is 'Dedicated Service', in the NIV it is 'Living Sacrifices'. Both sub-heads emphasize the *deep loyalty* required to serve God. See it in Abraham offering Isaac, in Daniel purposing to not defile himself with the king's food, in Joseph fleeing from Potiphar's wife. Base it on Jesus saying "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you," (Matthew 6:33).

The emphasis of Romans twelve is that following Jesus encompasses all of life. Choosing to follow Jesus is to plan on pleasing Him all the time, in all things, all day, and every day. Following Jesus gets heavy, but it is a good heavy; no time for mischief. Whew! And, following Jesus makes us a target for our enemy, the devil.

Living the gospel of Jesus draws hatred from our enemy. Jesus Followers irritate the devil, messing with his plans to ruin the faith of weak Christians. His goal is to disrupt God's plan to save sinners. That ongoing spiritual battle is about eternity.

In this life we express our free will. Jesus gave us two options: for Him or against Him. We choose our eternal destination. Then our lifestyle is the evidence *proving the sincerity of our hearts. If love for Jesus motivates our lifestyle, any observer, friend or enemy will understand who we are!*

I worry that many professing Christians pay lip service to faith in Him but their hearts are fence-straddlers. Their faith is not serious. They haven't searched the Word seeking a deeper understanding of the eternal choice, (Hebrews 5:11-14).

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Some don't understand Holiness. God is holy, meaning God cannot and will not tolerate sin. Reflect on Calvary, "My God, My God why have You forsaken Me?"

The answer is, *on the cross Jesus became sin in my place*. Because He took my sin on Himself, God turned away from Him! That was my redemption price.

Think about it. He died for me. He died for you. He died to save us from Hell. He knew what eternal Hell would be for all sinners who refuse His offer from the cross.

Serious believers of God understand the message of the cross, that rejecting Jesus is *embracing* the devil and his rebellious angels and *being with them for eternity!*

Pause and reflect on Psalm #73, examine verses 2,3, 16, 17, and 21 - 28. Does the writer speak to you? Did you ever envy someone's possession; your perception of their fortunate break? If only that happened to you? Maybe their job or house or car or their seeming freedom from moral / religious restraint? Maybe envy reared its ugly head for only a short time as you reflected on choices you were forced to make because of lack of money or because of religious or moral restraints? If those verses touched your heart, praise God for conviction and for His protection and dwell on the last group.

Examine verses 21-22 as your confession. Until you understand that you were a foolish sinner, and that our loving God protected you from yourself, your mind does not fully comprehend the value of Calvary as your redemption price. Jesus died to save you from eternal Hell! You gotta understand that fact, (Revelation 20:10-15).

Have you applied the message of Psalm 73 to yourself? Think about doing that. Choose eternity based on God's great love, (John 3:16). Use Romans chapter twelve as your road map. It includes Jesus's reply to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself. It also includes James's summary to care for widows and orphans and to keep one's self unstained by the world.

Remember, the road map comes from the hand of God. He said it is doable for each of us. God would not ask any of us to achieve something that was out of our reach. Trust Him. He knows your gifts and your potential for His glory. Praise Him.

Come Lord Jesus.

In His great love,
Buford Smith

Africa Letters

Christian greetings from a trusted listener from Ghana unto you in the most wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I have been a regular listener to the program Words of Life—in Radio Africa every week.

These messages have meant a lot to my Spiritual life, and I thank you so much. God Bless you all.

Mr. Tetteh Ismael, Fire camp Int Min, P. O. Box 1190, Mamprobi—Accra, Ghana, March 8, 2021

I really thank you a lot, the Almighty God for Words of Life on Radio Africa which I have been listening for many years.

May God bless you and enable you to continue with the good work tirelessly. Thank you so much.

Bro. Ntiamoah Duah Eric, P. O. Box AN 19081, Accra—North, Ghana, March 18, 2021

I do not know how I can express my thanks towards the work that the Lord has entrusted to the program (Words of Life) on Radio Africa to serve Him and the body of Christ world wide.

I thank you very much for being a channel of blessing used by the Lord Christ Jesus to bless many people. God bless you so much.

Joyce Amoah, P. O. Box GP 2856, GH. Int. SCH, Accra—Ghana, April 16, 2021

My name is Mary Dancami and I am 17 years old. I appreciate God for being with you through your ministry.

I would like to listen to your program even in this difficult time I will be very happy if I have some Christian books, puzzles, journal books and Bible that will help me to know more about God. Keep it up, may God bless you. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Mary Dancami, c/o Titus Yohanna Hewere, ECWA Buicurr DCC, P. O. Box 302, Jos Plateau State Nigeria, July 24, 2020

I praise the Lord Almighty for all the “Words of Life” on Radio Africa is doing to take the Word of God to all the corners of the world.

May you continue to receive God’s blessings for your good work. Thanks and God bless you all.

Emanuel Asare Danquati, C.O.P. Box OK 39, Kasoa, Ghana, April 20, 2021

May God bless you for bringing us this inspiring program (Words of Life) on the Radio Africa network.

Indeed, it is my joy to listen to your broadcast every week and the messages are so life changing. Thank you foreverly Spiritual insight. God bless you all

Evang Joseph Djissah, P. O. Box AN 10391, Accra North, Ghana April 6, 2021

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