

THE APPEAL OF GRACE **(Romans 12:1a)**

- Do you understand the importance of 12:1-3?

I. THE EXHORTATION OF GRACE (12:1a)

A. The APPEAL of Grace ... "I _____ you."

- Are the teaching of scriptural imperatives or commands equal to legalism?
- Does God want you to discern and do His will in obedience to Him?
- What are the ditches to avoid in living the Christian life?
- How is this grace appeal different than a law-command approach?
 - Under Law, _____ and you will be blessed; _____ and you will be cursed.
 - Under Grace, the approach is in light of ...
 - 1) What Jesus Christ has done for you;
 - 2) The spiritual blessings and position you have in Christ;
 - 3) The power of the Holy Spirit which resides within you that can enable you to do God's will, now _____ yourself to the Lord by faith to do God's will which results in _____ blessings. (Romans 12:1-2; 15:13)

B. The APPLICATIONS of Grace ... " _____ "

- How does Paul's epistles reflect this grace approach from explanation to application? (Gal. 5:1; Eph. 4:1; Col. 3:1; 1 Thess. 4:1) Is this true in Romans?
 - 1) Romans 1-11 ... Grace Doctrine
 - 2) Romans 12-16 ... Grace Applications regarding your response ...
 - A. To GOD ... a YIELDED BODY. (12:1)
 - B. To the WORLD ... a TRANSFORMED MIND. (12:2)
 - C. Toward YOURSELF... a HUMBLE ESTIMATION. (12:3)
 - D. Toward the CHURCH ... a FAITHFUL COOPERATION. (12:4-8)
 - E. Toward OTHERS ... a GENUINE LOVE. (12:9-21)
 - F. Toward CIVIL AUTHORITY... a SUBMISSIVE COMPLIANCE.
 - G. Toward YOUR NEIGHBOR ... PAY YOUR DEBTS. (13:8-10)
 - H. Toward CHRIST'S IMMINENT RETURN ... URGENCY & MOTIVATION FOR GODLY LIVING. (13:11-14)

I. Toward CHRISTIAN LIBERTY ... Used WISELY IN LOVE TO SERVE CHRIST AND OTHERS (14:1-15:13) ... then Paul's closing comments (15:14-16:27)

C. The AUDIENCE of Grace is “I beseech you therefore _____” in reference only to believers in Christ and the family of God.

- What does this truth clarify and debunk?

- How does this apply to you?