

*Practical Christian Living Based On The Gospel– 12:1-15:13*

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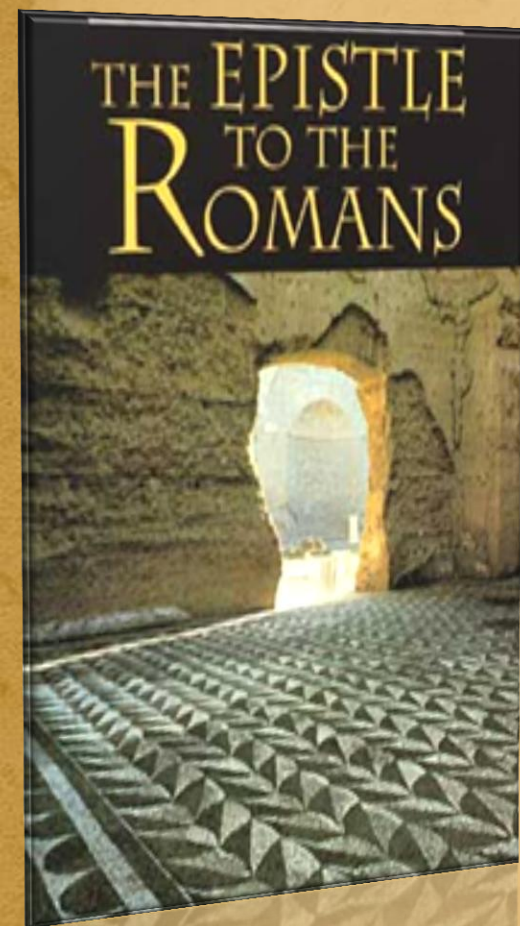
Romans 12:1-21

*Lesson 13*

**The Gospel** – Demands Godly -  
Attitudes, Service & Treatment of Others



# The Gospel – God's Power To Save Man



- ✦ **All men guilty before God and needs salvation – (1:18-3:20)**
- ✦ **Men are justified by pardon, (grace), not merit, (works) – (3:21 - 4:25)**
- ✦ **The benefits of justification based on Christ's death – (5:1-25)**
- ✦ **The Gospel requires holiness – (6:1-23)**
- ✦ **The hopeless condition of one under the Law outside of Christ – (7:1-25)**
- ✦ **The Gospel frees from sin – (8:1-25)**
- ✦ **The Gospel fulfills God's purpose in justifying & glorifying men – (8:25-39)**

# **The Gospel** – God's Power To Save Man

## **In Chapters 9-11, Paul Is Answering Three False Assumptions By The Jews**

- ✦ **If justification comes by faith in Christ, and not through the Law or fleshly descent, God's word has failed – (9:6)**
- ✦ **God is unjust if He equally extends mercy to the Gentiles – (9:14-16)**
- ✦ **God shouldn't blame the Jews for failing to come to faith in Christ, they were God's chosen people? – (9:19,20)**

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## **In Chapters 9-11, Paul Expresses His Concern For The Jews**

- ✦ **“I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen . . .” – (9:2-4)**
- ✦ **“My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved” – (10:1,2)**
- ✦ **“God has not cast away His people” – (11:1-10)**

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## **The Just Shall Live By Faith**

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# **The Gospel – God's Power To Save Man Having The Right Attitude**

## **To Define**

- ◆ n 1: a complex mental state involving beliefs and feelings and values and dispositions to act in certain ways;
- ◆ 2: position or arrangement of the body and its limbs;
- ◆ 3: a theatrical pose created for effect;
- ◆ 4: position of aircraft or spacecraft relative to a frame of reference (the horizon or direction of motion)





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**Our Attitude Toward  
God Is Chosen –**

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**We Must Present Ourselves To God &  
Live Daily For Him –**



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**Our Living For God Is The ONLY Reasonable Course**  
– (In relation to origin, design, purpose, & judgment)



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**We Are NOT To Allow The World To Form or Fashioned Our Thoughts & Behavior!** (Values, morality, activities, dress, speech - etc.)

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**1 Not To Be Amended Merely, But Entirely  
Renewed, (Μεταμορφουσθε) Metamorphosed,  
By Renewal of The Mind –  
(Ps. 19:7; 119:97-104; Pro. 23:7; James 1:21-27).**

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– i.e. To Test By Putting God’s Word Into  
Practical Application– Thereby Demonstrating  
Its Worth, Effectiveness & Completeness.

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**The Grace of God Instructs – (cf. Titus 2:11-14) &  
These Instructions Apply To All Christians – (3)**



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**We Must Be Humble - Seeing Ourselves As God Sees Us - Using Our Talents Within His Guidelines - (3)**

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**We Must Have An Intellectual Humility – Accepting  
Our Role Within The Body – (4,5)**



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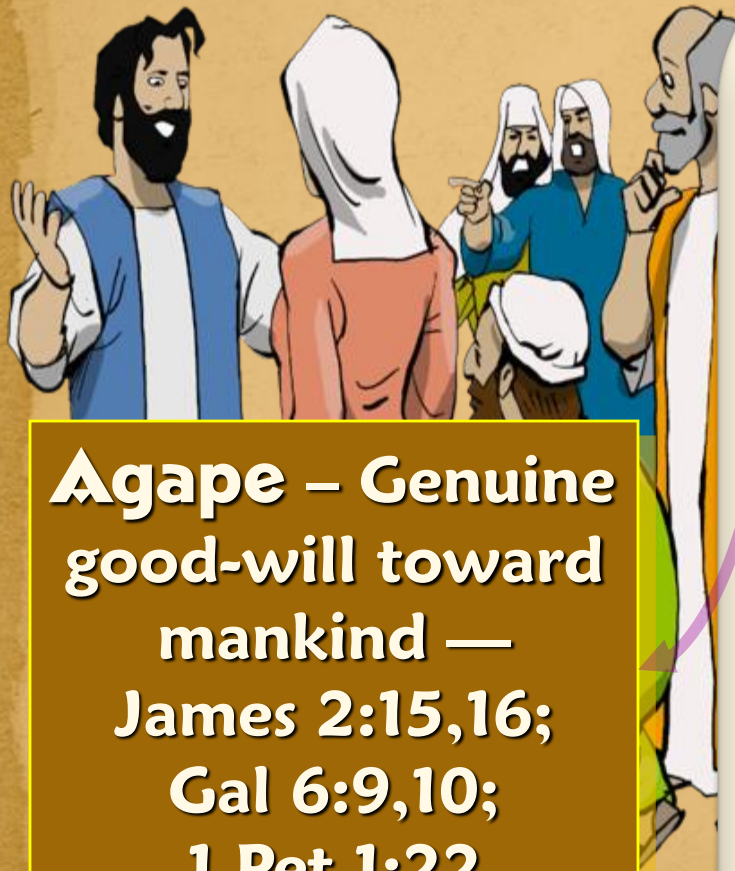
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**We Must Use What We Have Been Given –  
Everyone’s Ability Is Needed - (6-8; Mat 25:14-30)**

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**Agape – Genuine  
good-will toward  
mankind —  
James 2:15,16;  
Gal 6:9,10;  
1 Pet 1:22**

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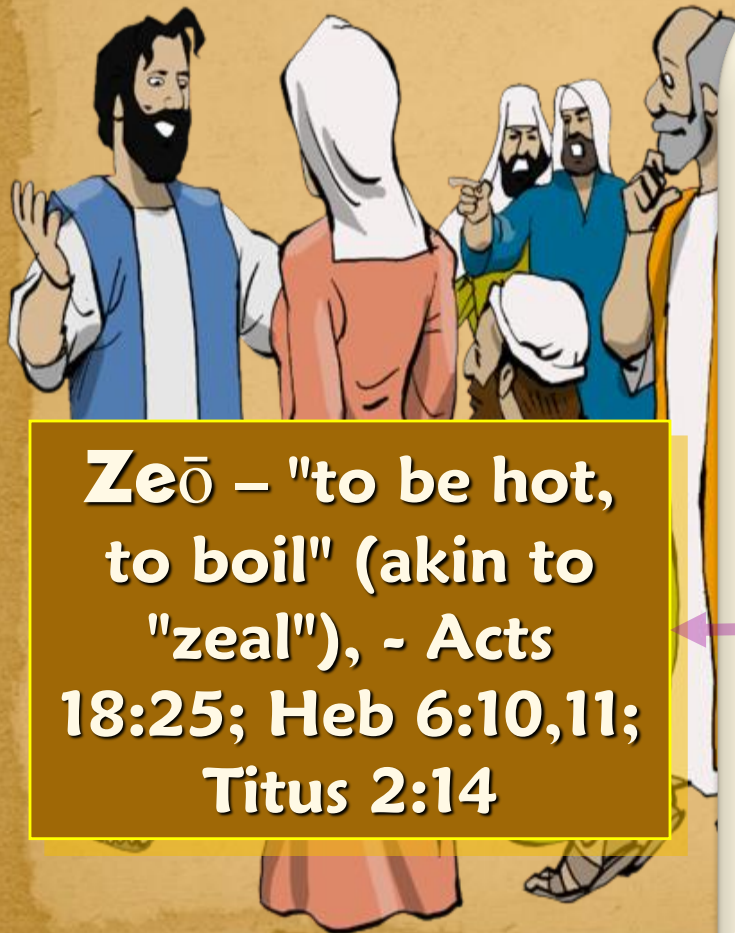


**Philostorgos –  
cherishing one's  
kindred — John  
13:34,35; Gal 5:13;  
1 Pet 1:22; 1 John  
3:10-18**

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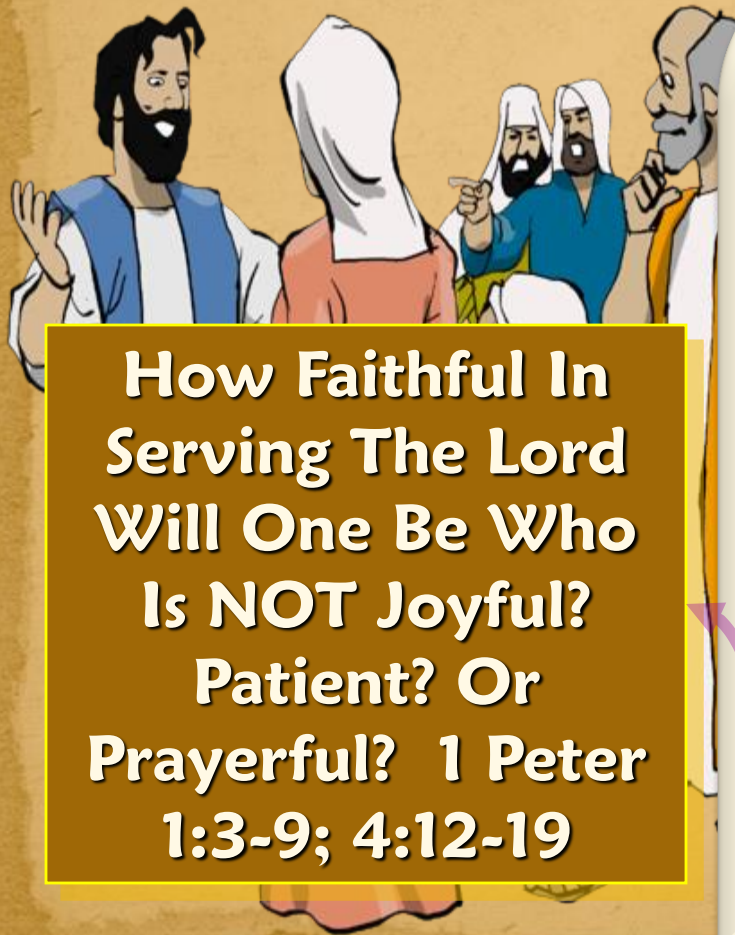


**Zeō** – "to be hot,  
to boil" (akin to  
"zeal"), - Acts  
18:25; Heb 6:10,11;  
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**How Faithful In  
Serving The Lord  
Will One Be Who  
Is NOT Joyful?  
Patient? Or  
Prayerful? 1 Peter  
1:3-9; 4:12-19**

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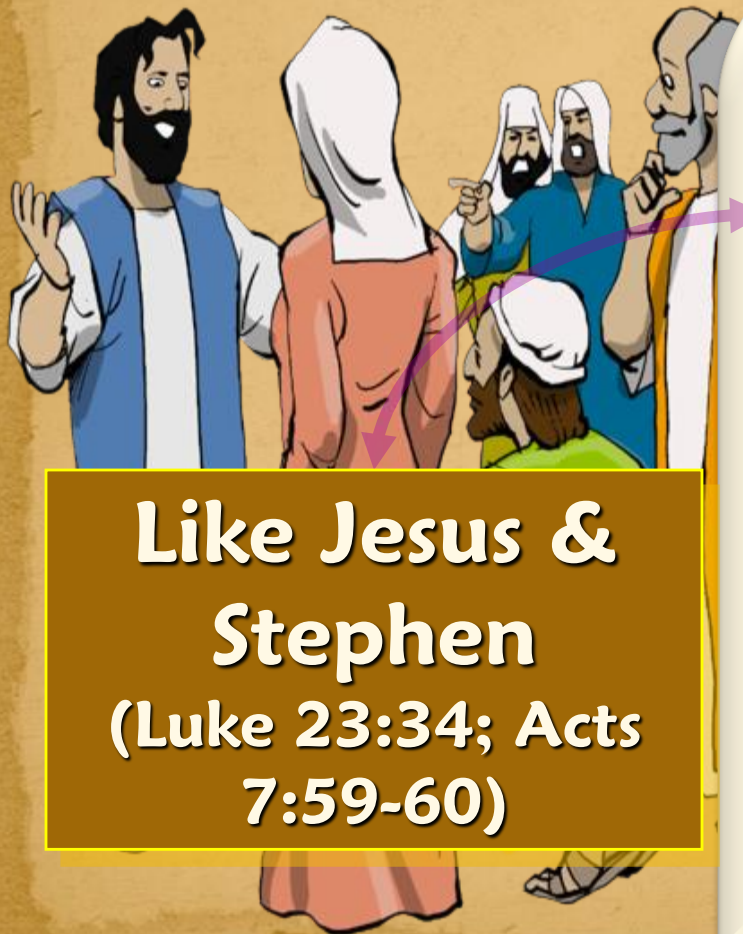
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**Sharing with  
Christians in need -  
(Acts 2:44-45; 4:32,  
34-37).**

**Lit. “pursuing  
friendliness to  
strangers” – (Heb  
13:2; 1 Pet 4:9)**



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**Like Jesus &  
Stephen**  
(Luke 23:34; Acts  
7:59-60)

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## “Towards Others” – (9-16)



**1 Cor 12:26 (NKJV)**

**26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.**

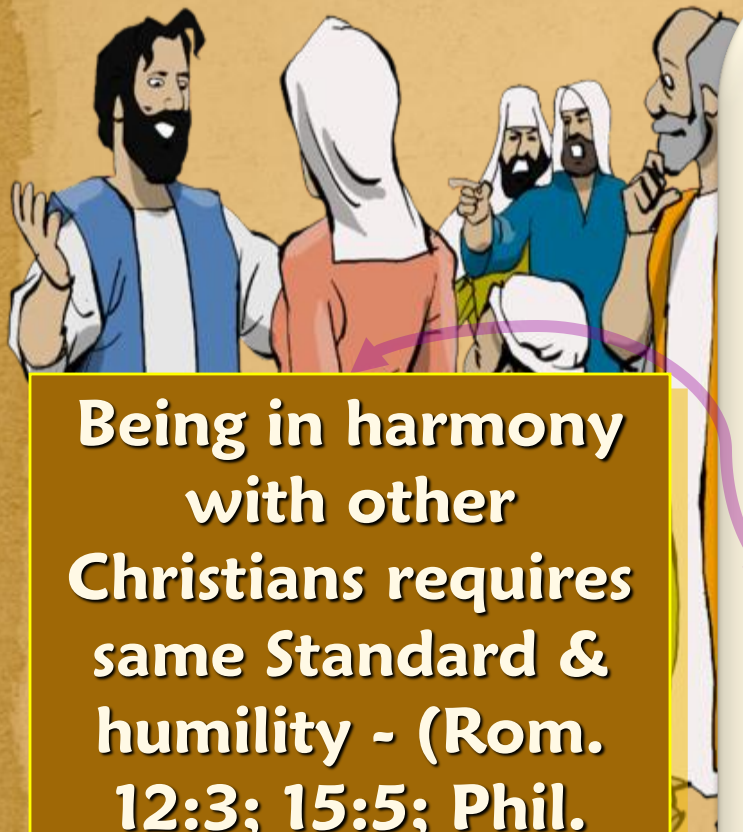
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**Being in harmony with other Christians requires same Standard & humility - (Rom. 12:3; 15:5; Phil. 2:2; 1 Peter 3:8).**

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<sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

# Having The Right Attitude “Towards Enemies” – (17-21)

## Romans 12:17-21 (NKJV)

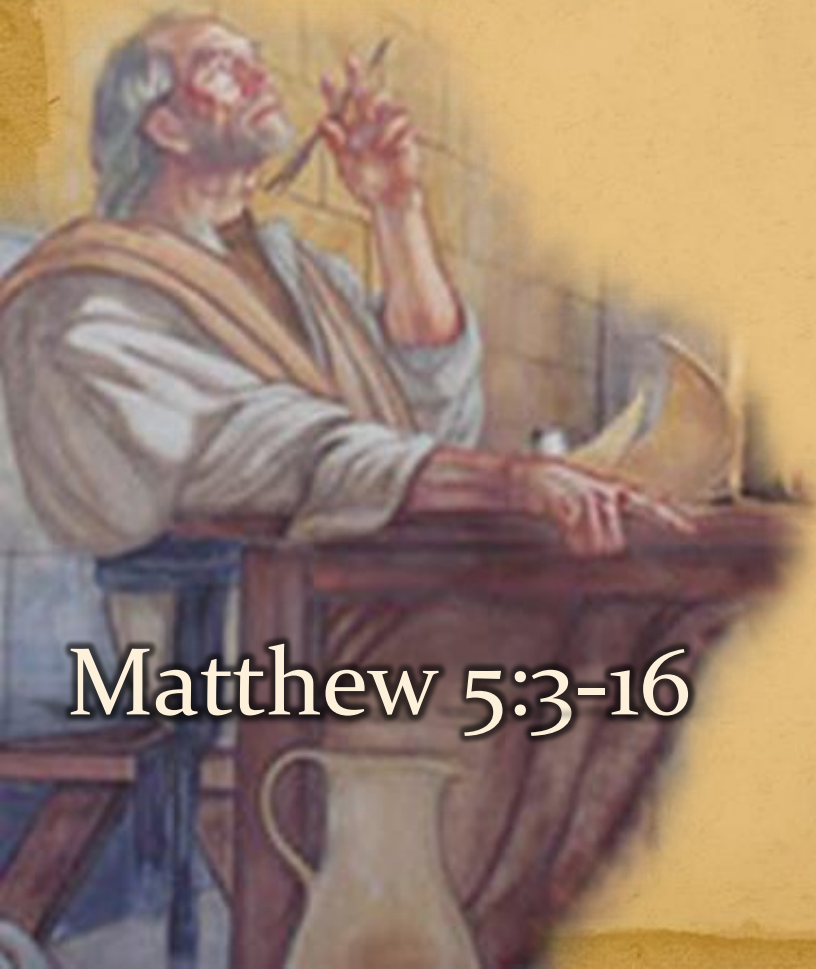
<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore "*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.*" <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Christians Are NOT To Be Vengeful! Christians  
Are To Do GOOD! – 1 Thes. 5:15**



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Matthew 5:3-16

- ◆ **Toward God? -**  
(vs. 1,2)
- ◆ **Toward Self? -**  
(vs. 3-8)
- ◆ **Toward Others? -**  
(vs. 9-18)
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(vs. 19-21)

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