

God's Righteousness at Work, Part 2-3

"Why are We here at the Church?"

Romans 12:3-8

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on January 15, 2017

Entering In:

Share how you came to be part of your current church.

*What is the most important ministry of the church to you? Why?
(e.g. Worship, Evangelism, Prayer, Fellowship, Teaching, etc.)*

1. Fill in the blanks using Romans 12:1 – 3.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – which is your (*logikos*) _____ worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your _____.

Then you will be able to _____ and _____ what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."

"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not _____ of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather _____ of yourself with sober _____, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

What unique human function is Paul addressing?

2. What is his first application of the exhortation to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind"?

Match the verses from the box below to the following summary statements, and tell how each is thinking more highly of oneself than one ought.

- Men dismissed what God had revealed.
- Men defied God's righteous decrees.
- Men used their "*knowledge of God's will and approval of what is superior*" * to judge others.
- Men set their minds on what their sinful natures desired.
- Men thought that God had failed them when suffering came to them.
- The religious zeal of the Jews was based on their self-righteousness.
- Men thought they had God all figured out.

*Note the almost identical wording in 2:18 and 12:2

1:18 – 21, 28; 1:32; 2:2 – 3, 17 – 21; 8:5 – 8; 8:26 – 28; 10:1 – 4; 11:33, 34

3. What is the church by definition? (*Ec-clesia*, ἐκκλησία)

Why do you believe you are a part of the church? (Matthew 16:16-18)

Do you agree with the comment in the sermon, “Church history is indeed the history of redemption”? Why or why not?

4. What are the three things mentioned in the sermon we need to learn in the church?

- A.
- B.
- C.

For each of these three things, give one reason why you find it difficult to learn it, and one practical thing you could do to overcome your difficulty.

- A.
- B.
- C.

5. Does every believer have a spiritual gift (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7)?

How do believers receive *spiritual gifts*?

Do they get to choose which one(s) they want, or do they receive their gift(s) some other way?

[NOTE: the terms “gifts” (*charisma*) and “grace” (*charis*) have the same Greek root.]

6. Why is it important to know that we are part of a larger “body”?

Do you think it is possible to discern what your “Spiritual gifts” are? If so, how?

7. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

What does Paul mean by requiring someone with a prophetic gift to “use it in proportion to his faith”? (v.6)

What is ‘arguably’ the most urgently needed gift in the worldwide church today? Why?

Living It Out:

How do (or will) you use your gifts for the sake of the body that is Modesto CRC?