

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Romans 12

Digging In

1. **Read Rom 12:1-2.** Paul begins with the word “therefore.” What is he referring to by the use of this word?
2. What does it mean to offer our *bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God*?
3. In what ways are we tempted to conform to *the pattern of this world*? Give some examples.
4. According to v. 2, how can we instead be transformed into the people God wants us to be? Give some specific examples.
5. **Read vss 3-8.** How does Paul bring out the idea of *unity within diversity* in these verses?
6. **Read vss 9-13.** Paul gives a number of exhortations in these verses. Pick three of them and put them in your own words. Which of these commands speaks to you most powerfully?
7. How will our obedience to these commands contribute to the unity and health of the church?
8. **Read vss 14-16.** What does it mean to bless those who persecute us? (See Matthew 5:43-46.)
9. Put v. 15 in your own words. How will this help to build the unity of the church?
10. What kinds of things help us to *live in harmony with one another*?
11. What kinds of behavior hurt the harmony of the church?
12. **Read vss 17-21.** How would you summarize Paul’s teaching in these verses?
13. In what ways is it counter-cultural? Why does it require trust in the Lord for us to obey these admonitions?



Getting Personal

- Read vss. 1-2 again. In what ways do you sense that the world might be squeezing you into its mold? What role do TV, movies, the internet and social media have in conforming us to the *pattern of this world*?
- What steps are you taking to *be transformed by the renewing of your mind*?
- **Read vss 9-21 again.** How do you think God is speaking to you personally through these verses? Choose one specific command and ask God to help you put it into practice.