**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 04 Sept ............Romans 1:1-17 ..................Good News To Tell
2) 11 Sept .............Romans 1:18-3:26 ...............Good News to Hear
3) 18 Sept .............Romans 3:27-4:25 ...............Good News to Believe
4) 25 Sept .............Romans 5:1-21 ..................It's All About Grace
5) 02 Oct ..............Romans 6:1-23 ..................It's All About New Life
6) 09 Oct ..............Romans 7:1-25 ..................It's All About Victory
7) 16 Oct ..........Romans 8:1-39 .....................It's All About Certainty
8) 23 Oct ..............Romans 9:1-11:36 ..............It's All About God's Plan

**9) 30 Oct ...........................Romans 12:1-21...................Does Your Life Please God**

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**INTRODUCTION**

- Paul makes a lot of proverbial statements in this chapter of how it takes effort on our part to please God – both mental and physical.
- In fact, as we will see, God expects us to take the following mental actions: Be transformed by renewing our minds; think soberly of our sins; exhibit love and kindness to others; exhibit humility and submission to God; exhibit respect for our leaders; exhibit patience and forbearance to ourselves; exhibit a desire for spiritual growth; exhibit a desire for peace and harmony; exhibit a desire for obedience to God’s word; exhibit a desire for personal holiness; exhibit a desire for self-control; exhibit a desire for practical wisdom.
- …and to take the following physical actions: Be kind to one another; use God-given gifts; pray continuously; live peaceably where possible; feed our enemies; and master evil in our lives.

**Conclusion/Applications**

- Faith expresses itself through obedience of God’s word. James 2:21
- And people know we are Christians by the love we show to each other and the world. John 13:34-35

**NEXT WEEK:** Romans 13. If tyrannical nations such as China, eastern-bloc countries, and all Muslim nations would only read this chapter they would see the need to promote Christianity within their borders, as Christians are commanded to obey the good laws of the land and to seek the welfare of our country.