Logos Class

Book of Romans
Ch 12

Class for Oct 25, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓Oct 4, 2026. Romans Ch 9
- ✓Oct 11, 2026 Romans Ch 10
- ✓Oct 18, 2026 Romans Ch 11
- ✓Oct 25, 2026 Romans Ch 12
- Nov 1, 2026 EST Romans Ch 13 (Remember Nov 3, VOTE)
- Nov 8, 2026 Romans Ch 14
- Nov 15, 2026 Romans Ch 15
- Nov 22, 2026 Romans Ch 16 (Finish Romans)

Calendar note: Logos Class Christmas Party – Hold Dec 12

Quick Update ...*ICYMI*

Middle East

- *Israel continues its efforts against Hezbollah, and Hamas, and internal terrorism*
- *Houthis, with Iranian backing, attacking Saudi Arabia. Major airport damage from rockets*
- *Iran spreading its terrorism across the Mid East, Europe, and America*
- *Expect some terror act before Elections in Israel or the US. Israel on high alert.*

US/Worldwide

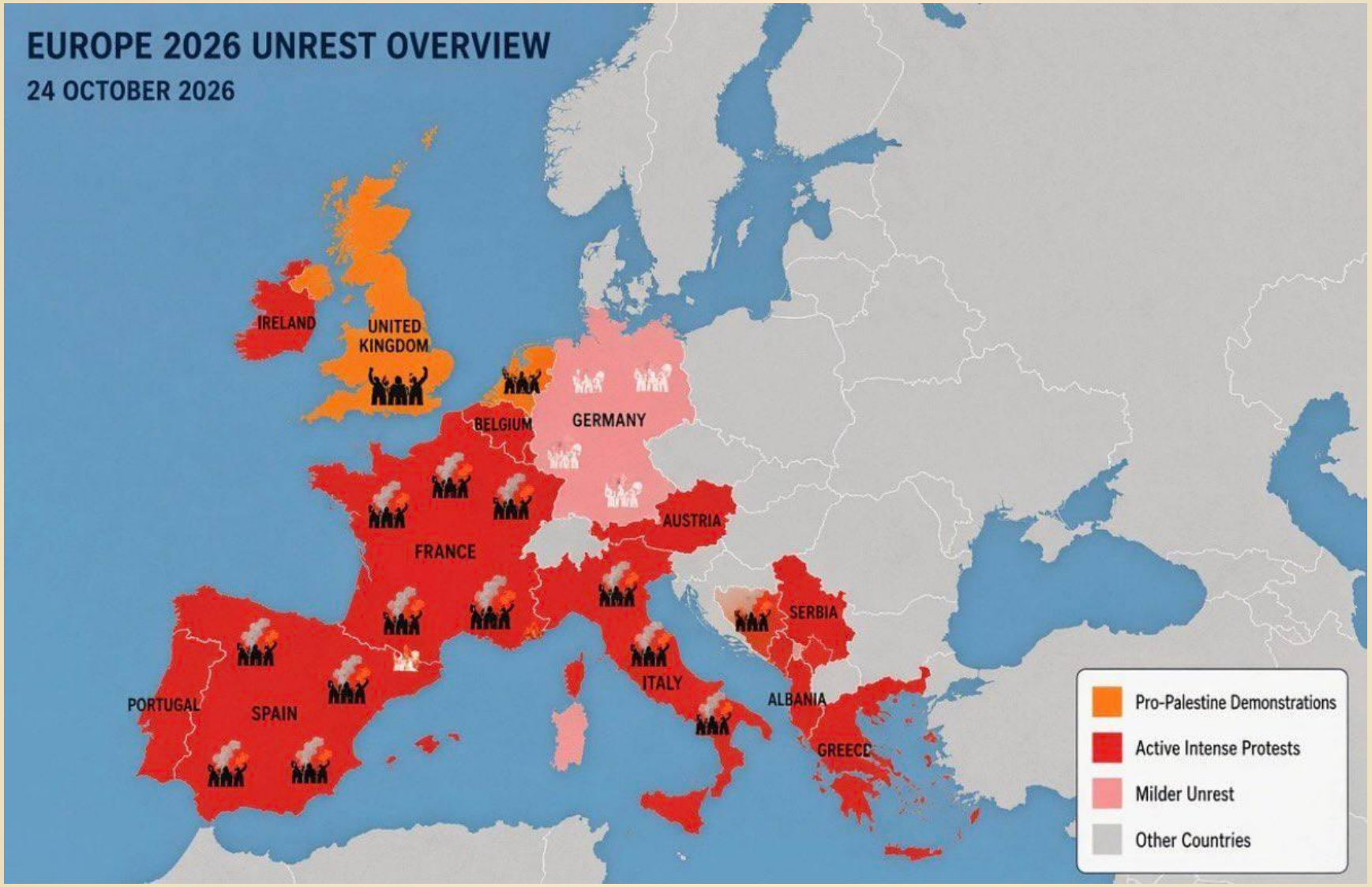
- *The Russia-Ukraine war is hard to understand where we are…*
- *European countries are on fire…France, Spain, UK,. Rioters are everywhere. Massive destruction by immigrants against institutions sowing chaos*
- *European Countries are getting ready for a new world order*
- *Canada is isolating and taking action against the Gospel*

Chaos everywhere, Antisemitism rampaging, Anti Christian activities, Anti Western too

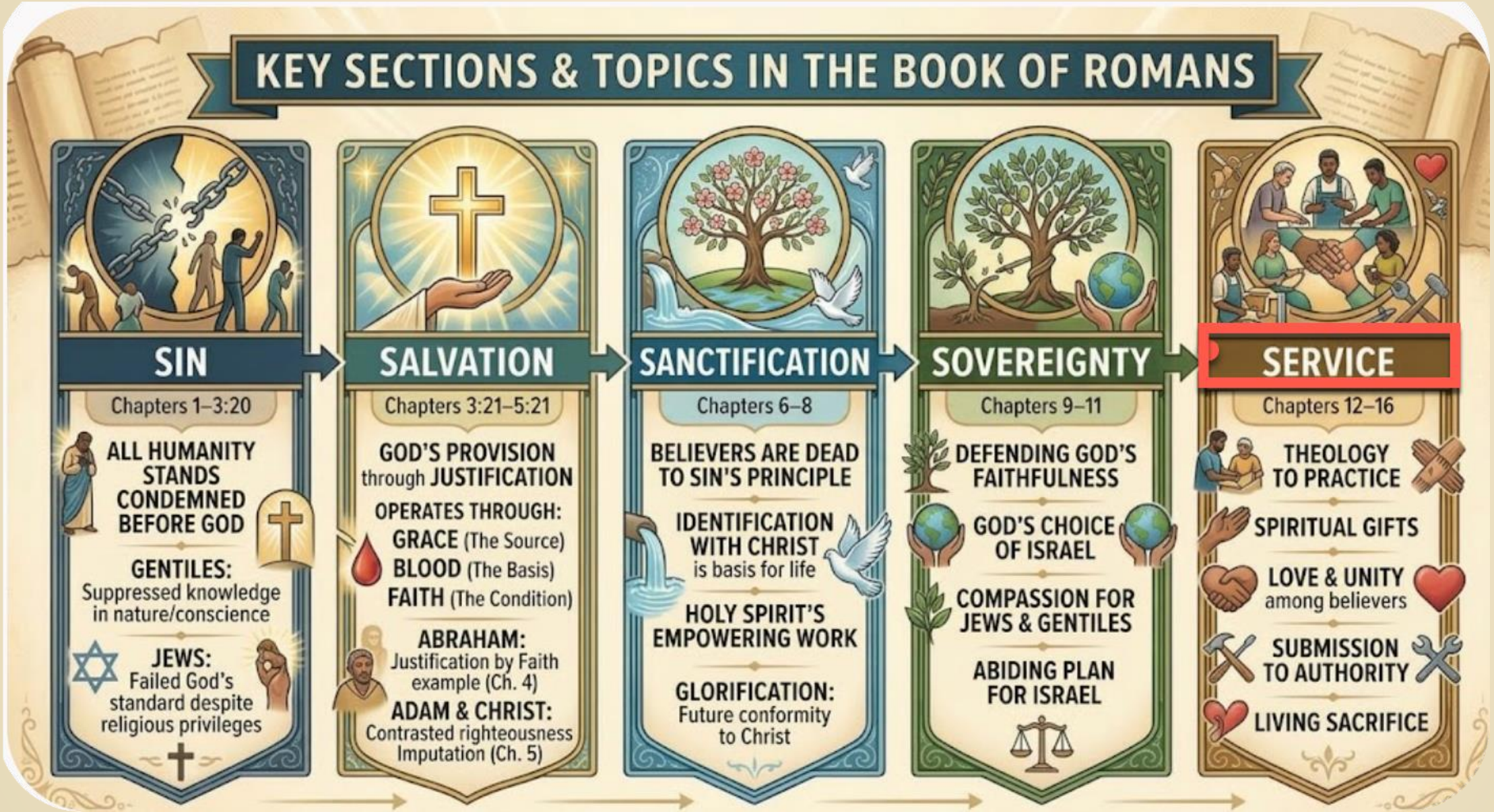
***Elections** – both in Israel and the US will determine the direction our countries take in the ongoing battles against the One World movements.*

These are critical, so get out and vote…take a friend

Current state of Europe (Old Roman Empire)



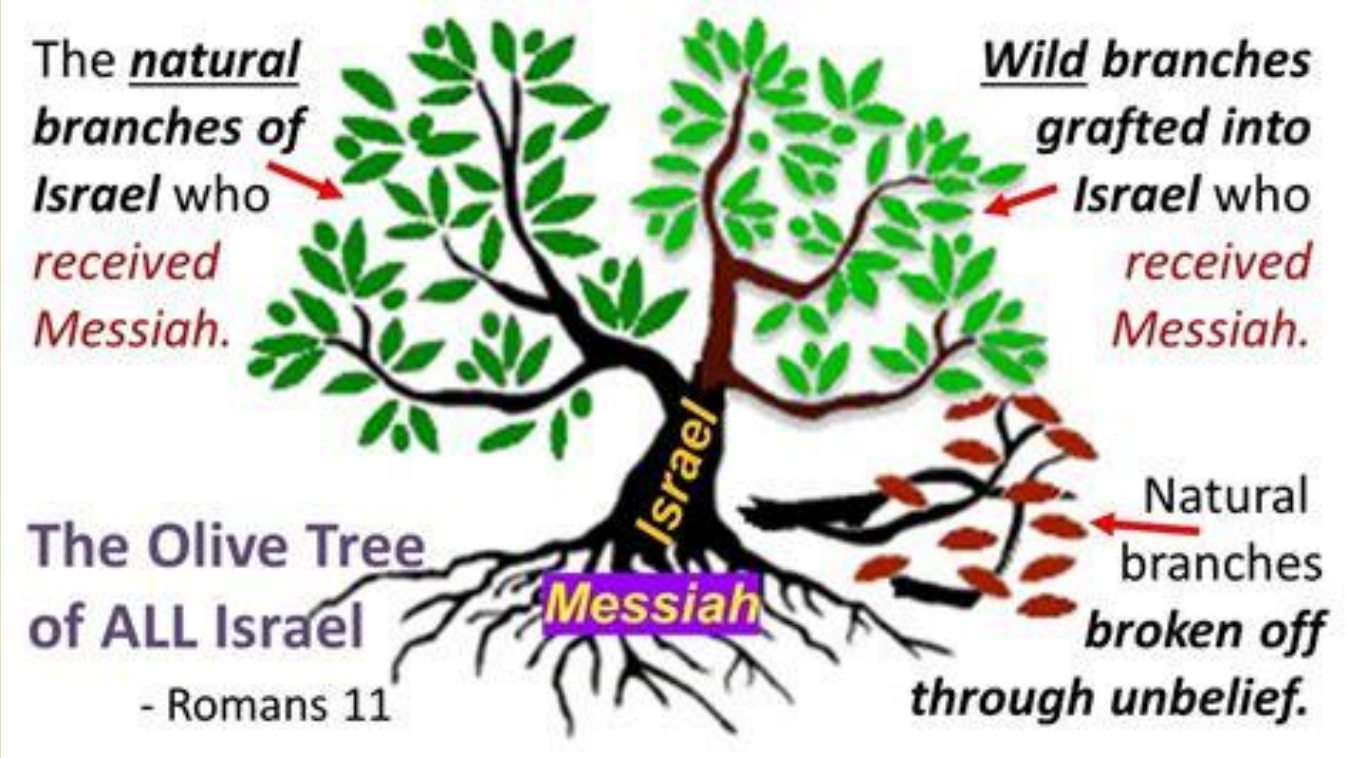
Today we will begin the Practical/ Service Section



Here is how Paul finishes his Ch 11 Israel Discussion

- **God remains faithful to Israel.** *A believing remnant shows that God has not rejected his people; their place rests on grace, not entitlement.*
- **Israel's unbelief benefits the Gentiles.** *Gentile salvation is part of God's plan and is intended to move Israel toward repentance.*
- **The olive tree warns against pride.** *Gentile believers should honor their Jewish roots and recognize that continued membership among God's people depends on persevering faith.*
- **Israel's hardening is limited.** *Paul describes it as partial rather than total and temporary rather than permanent.*
- **"All Israel will be saved" has three main interpretations.**
  - *All Jewish believers throughout history.*
  - ✓*A large turning of Jews to Jesus shortly before his return.*
  - ✓*The complete people of God—Jewish and Gentile believers across all generations.*
- **The chapter ends in worship.** *Paul praises God's sovereignty and wisdom as revealed through salvation history.*

Powerful Symbolism



- *Not just botanical, but anchors believers in Israel's covenantal promises.*
- *The Roots nourish all the branches, both the natural and grafted ones*
- *The Olive Tree is the National Symbol of Israel.*
- *In a spiritual sense, it is the symbol of God's Promises to His Covenantal people*

Romans Ch 12 – Practical Application

Romans 12 begins the letter's final major section, where Paul now turns to the **practical application of all he has said previously in the letter**.

- *The point is that Christ cannot be our Savior without also being our Lord.*

Paul first urges believers to offer themselves as "living sacrifices," a phrase that might strike hearers as an oxymoron since most sacrifices were slaughtered. This kind of worship is not confined to the Sunday morning worship service; it embraces the whole of life.

- ***The problem with living sacrifices is that they keep crawling off the altar!"*** author unknown

Romans Ch 12:1-2. *Living Sacrifices*

12 *I appeal to you therefore, brothers (and sisters), by the mercies of God, to* ***present your bodies as a living sacrifice****, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

2 *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Our minds and our bodies are both to be kept holy and acceptable to God, so it is not just what we think and say, but also what we do.

Spiritual transformation by study, reproof, testing, and perseverance will renew our minds and point us to Christ.

In this way, we can discern what God wants/wills us to do, and we will be complete and perfect in his sight.

What it means to offer your life to Christ

Dimension	***What It Means***	***What It Looks Like***
Living	*A faithful, continuing offering of ourselves to God.*	*We place each day and each choice into God's hands.*
Whole person	*God welcomes our body, mind, desires, ambitions, and relationships.*	*Our devotion becomes visible in ordinary places and actions.*
Holy	*We are lovingly set apart for God and his purposes.*	*We invite God to shape our values, conduct, and priorities.*
Pleasing to God	*We respond to mercy with gratitude rather than trying to earn favor.*	*Obedience grows from grace, trust, and love.*

Romans Ch 12:3-8 Gifts and Service

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: *if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;*

7 if service, in our serving; the ***one who teaches, in his teaching****;*

8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the ***one who leads, with zeal****; the one* ***who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.***

Romans Ch 12:9-13. Marks of a Genuine Christian

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

*11 Do not be slothful **in zeal, be fervent** in (the) spirit, **serve the Lord**.*

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Think for a minute how wonderful life would be if all the Christians actually practiced these traits

Romans Ch 12:14-18 *I've seen the enemy, and it is me*

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly (or give yourselves to humble tasks).

Never be wise in your own sight.

17 Repay no one evil for evil but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Let me summarize the rules from Paul for regular life

- Your love must be sincere, not a fake or put on. A love to give and not receive
- Hate that which is evil and cling to that which is good. Let go of bad things
- Show brotherly love towards one another. We are part of the same family with the same Heavenly Faither
- Give honor to one another. Do not get angry over perceived slights or rights
- Be zealous in your defense of the Christian Life. No lethargy. We may burn out but must never rust out.
- Do not be lukewarm but be ready to take up the flag.
- Serve the Lord/ Serve the Time – Seize your opportunities as they come
- Rejoice in Hope. Because God is God, we should always see Hope
- Meet tribulation with fortitude. Life has its troubles, but we choose how we react to them
- Persist in Prayer
- Share with those in need
- Be hospitable – Tyndale said " A home can never be happy when it is selfish. *Christianity is the open hand, open heart, and open door*

Romans Ch 12:19-21 Responding to Enemies

- *19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God (leave a place for the wrath of God) , for it is written, **“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”***

*20 To the contrary, **“if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”***

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Understanding Romans 12:19-21

Paul uses two Old Testament passages in to explain how people should respond to those who they see as Enemies

- The first quotation comes from Deuteronomy 32:35 , where God says, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay." Paul tells his readers to "leave room for God's wrath" instead of seeking revenge. In short, justice belongs to God, not to the people who have been wronged.
- The second quotation comes from Proverbs 25:21–22. It says to give food and drink to an enemy. Doing so is like "heaping burning coals on his head," and "the LORD will reward you." Paul emphasizes this message by repeating it: **respond to hostility with generosity.**
- **Together, Deuteronomy and Proverbs give Paul a clear guide for responding to harm: do good to people who act wrongly, without expecting anything in return. This response shows trust in God's promise to bring justice. Choosing not to take revenge is not passive. It is an active expression of faith that God will judge fairly.**
- The desire for justice is not always sinful. It can grow from the gospel's promise that God will make things right—a promise Paul connects to Deuteronomy 32:35. However, Paul does not tell his readers to use violence or to expect the kind of deadly outcome found at times in Israel's history.

In Chapter 12- What did we learn?

Paul encourages us to not only claim Jesus as or savior, but also as Lord.

- When we do that, we have a changed attitude and perspective
- This makes us accountable for 24 hours a day, not just on Sunday morning to be what the Lord has created us to be.
- Renewing our mind, causes a sense of humility, and understanding that each of us has a special gift for use in the body, and all are important to fulfilling the role of the Church
- Paul concludes this discussion by admonishing us to be genuine in our love to both believers and unbelievers, and showing kindness, blessings, and no vengeance to those who persecute us.
- In Ch 13, Paul moves to our relationships with authorities

Next week

We will pick up where we left off; ***Read Romans Ch. 13***

- *Pray for our Nation and its leaders*
  - *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel*
  - *Pray for the end of the wars*
- *Pray for our State and its Leaders,* ***and the elections to come****, for God to give us Godly leaders*
- *Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders – safety and faithfulness*
- *Pray for the needs of our class members and families*
- *Pray for Comfort and Compassion for the Buchwalds, and Surls*

Thank God for his mercy and grace for each of us as we struggle with life. Pray that you will be empowered to turn over your life to righteousness

