

WEEK 3 | BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER | ROMANS 12:9-21

Inspection: What Does It Say?

What are the five marks of a Christian in verses 9 and 10? What three things should a Christian be in verse 12? According to verse 14, how should a Christian deal with someone who persecutes them? What is the alternative in verse 19 of taking revenge on others who do evil? Read verse 21. How do we overcome evil in this world?

Observation: What Does It Mean?

Who are the "one anothers" of this passage? What does it mean to "bless" those who persecute you in verse 14? How did Paul's life before becoming a Christian add painful weight to these verses? Why does Paul use the phrase "if it is possible" in verse 18? How do you define an "enemy" in your life as seen in verse 20?

Life Application: What Does It Mean For Me?

Read the text and list three love-in-action points with which you struggle. Practice getting better. Pay it forward the next time you are in line at a fast-food restaurant to the person behind you. Send a thinking-of-you card to a friend struggling with life this Thanksgiving season. Buy a bag of groceries and provide food for a single mom. Forgive a past hurt and experience the freedom of forgiveness.

Meditation: What Does God Say?

Hebrews 6:10 Proverbs 3:27 Galatians 5:13 Philippians 2:3-4 Galatians 6:2 James 2:14-17 Romans 12:13 Deuteronomy 15:11

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Psalm 103

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits— Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good As long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far, He removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for His children,

So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, To those who keep His covenant and remembers to do His commandments.

The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, Obedient to His spoken word. Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers that do His will.

Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

King David