

Living as Christians in the World

Paul's Outline of the Good News (Romans 1-11)

A recap:

- We have all sinned (despite ourselves) (Rom 3)
- Faith and hope (Rom 4)
- Being "Made right with God" (Rom 5)
- The Law (Rom 6 & 7)
- Grace (Nothing can separate us from the love of God) (Rom 8)
- Paul's hopes for Israel (Rom 9-11)

"There is nothing we can do to make God love us more and there is nothing we can do to make God love us less"

So? How should we then live? (Romans 12-15)

Living sacrifice, transformed:

- Humility
- As a body, differing roles, functions and gifts
- Sincere love, hospitality and generosity
- Rejoice and mourn
- Respect the government
- Love our neighbours as ourselves
- Live in expectation

Respecting the Government??? (Romans 13:1-7)

- What if the government usurps God's authority?
- "Obey God rather than human beings" (Acts 5:29)
- Paul is urging us to do this, it is not a command
- We are in a democracy now that is accountable to us and not just to God (we have an election on 28 November this year)

We are to be responsible citizens, practicing love and grace according to the measure that we have received