

A Crucial Motivating Factor Romans 12:1-2

Introduction

1. Nature of the Roman letter
2. The manner in which the letter is to be interpreted

1. The positioning of Romans Chapters 12-16

2. The importance of “therefore” (12:1)

3. Biblical examples of a rational call to holiness

1. Our spiritual blessings and the example of Christ should move us to holiness (Phil.2:1-5)
2. Fear should move us to holiness (Phil.2:12)

4. Christian responsibility: The “urge”/“appeal” (Rom.12:1)

5. Christian responsibility: The basis of the “appeal” (Rom.12:1)

1. To the Gentile audience in Rome

1. God’s anger at all sin (Rom.1:18)
2. Gentiles by nature knowingly reject God (Rom.1:21,23)
3. Partial judgment (Rom.1:24,26,28)
4. Gentiles are wilfully disobedient and support the practice of evil even in the light of eternal judgment (Rom.1:32)
5. Every Gentile by nature faces eternal judgment (Rom.2:12; 3:23)

2. To the Jewish audience in Rome

1. The standard by which the Jews are judged (Rom.2:12-13)
2. Jewish failure to abide by the law (Rom.3:9-18)
3. Violation of the law results in condemnation for every Jewish person (Rom.3:19-20; 4:15; 3:23)

3. God’s salvation based on His covenant and sovereign choice of a Jewish remnant (Rom.9:6-8,14-18; Gen.12:3; Rom.11:25b-27)

1. The covenant promise that a remnant of Jews would be saved (Rom.9:6-8)
2. The basis of God’s saving some Jewish—mercy (Rom.9:14-18)

4. How do rebellious Gentiles come to faith? (Gen.12:3; Rom.9:23-26; 10:20)

Conclusion (Rom.9:29; Gen.19:15-16,28; 1Cor.6:19)