

A Crucial Motivating Factor and Outcomes Part 2
Romans 12:1-2 (Luke 8:26-39)
Outline

Summary

1. How Romans Chapters 1-11 relate, to Romans Chapters 12-16 (Rom.12:1)
2. Paul's "appeal" or "urging" (Rom.12:1)
3. Christian responsibility: The basis of the "appeal" or "urging" (Rom.12:1)
4. The spiritual state of Gentiles and Jews in Romans Chapters 1-11
 1. The Gentile audience in the Roman Church (Rom.2:12; 3:23)
 2. The Jewish audience in the Roman church (Rom.3:19-20; 4:15; 3:23)
5. How can anyone ever be saved from the inescapable "wrath" of God? (Rom.3:21-24)
6. The basis of God's saving some Jews and Gentiles—mercy (Rom.9:14-18)
 1. On five occasions in Rom.9:14-18 the text states that salvation is based on God's mercy alone, and not on any merit of our own.
 2. The means of bringing rebellious Jews and Gentiles to faith (Gen.12:3; Rom.9:23-26; 10:20)
 - (1) "God" takes the initiative, and, (2) On the basis of His "mercy" (3) God sovereignly calls a people to Himself, (4) "Whom He prepared in advance for glory" (the eternal covenant) (5) Through effectively revealing Himself to them.

1. The significance of "the mercies of God"

2. The story of the demon-possessed man (Lk.8:22-39; Mk.5:1-20; Matt.8:28-34)

1. Jesus purposefully crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (Lk.8:22) to the region of the Gerasenes (Lk.8:22; Mk.4:31; Jn.4:34; 6:38; Matt.26:39)

2. When Jesus got out of the boat, He was met by two demon possessed men (Matt.8:28)

3. The state of the one demon-possessed man

4. Jesus' encounter with the demon-possessed man (Lk.8:28; Matt.8:28)

1. In Matt.8:28 we are told that this man was "so violent that, no one could pass by that way" (Matt.8)

2. Consider the words uttered by the demoniac (Lk.8:28)

1. The testimony to Jesus' deity (Lk.8:28)

2. The testimony to His sovereign power (Lk.8:28)

3. The demonic realm is terrified of the coming ultimate and great judgment (Lk.8:28, 31; 2Pet.2:4; Rev.9:1; 20:2-3)

5. The intent of the "legion" of demons (Lk.8:33)

6. The outcome of the exorcism (Lk.8:35-36)

7. What effect did this have on his outlook on life? (Lk.8:38-39)

Conclusion

1. Jesus took the initiative and trouble to travel across the Sea of Galilee to save one person.

2. Why did Jesus save this one man?

3. This man was not a Jew; he was a Gentile (Eph.4:17ff)

4. Demon-possessed (Col.1:13; 2:13; Titus 3:3)

5. What was the outworking of mercy in the man's life? (Lk.8:38-39; 1Cor.4:15)