



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Series- The Mind of Spirit Prt 4

Bible Reading- Romans 12:1-21

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### The Renewed Mind

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)*

1. Be transformed by the renewal of your mind. (Romans 12:1-2)
2. The renewed mind worships wholeheartedly. (Romans 12:3-9)
3. The renewed mind loves radically.  
(Romans 12:10-21)

### A. Text based Questions

1. Read Romans 12:1-2. This whole chapter is predicated on the phrase- “therefore in view of God’s mercy.” How has God’s mercy been demonstrated in Romans 1-11? Why is it important that God’s mercy proceeds any instruction on how to live the Christian life?
2. Read Romans 12:1-2 again- What do you think Paul means by the phrase “living sacrifice?” This phrase seems like an oxymoron, but why do you think it is appropriate for Paul to describe worship in this way?
3. Read Romans 12. Marcus thinks that the first two verses are key to this whole chapter. Do you agree? How do the themes of the renewed mind and the pattern of this world get explored in the rest of the chapter?
4. Read Romans 12:3-13. What does it reveal about the renewed mind and what it is meant to look like?
5. Read Romans 12:14-21. This is radical teaching. Straight out of Jesus’ playbook. How did /does Jesus embody Paul’s teaching here? See Luke 6:28ff & Matthew 5:44ff.

### B. Meditation & Application

6. What would it look like for you to practice a mind renewed by the Spirit in our church family? What are your gifts, are you utilizing them in our church? If not- is their anyway you could use them? (Feel free to talk to Marcus and say I believe that God has gifted me in- how could I use that gift here??) If you are unsure of your gifts or wonder if you have any- how does this passage speak to you and what would it look like for you to eagerly desire spiritual gifts- (See 1 Cor 12:14), and utilize them for the building up of the body?
7. What do you think the “pattern of this world,” looks like for Paul? There are a bunch of “do not’s in the chapter- read over the chapter again and find them and utilize them to construct a picture of what it looks like for Paul to be conformed to the pattern of this world? Once you’ve done that- what would it look like to move in the opposite spirit, as it were?

*Prayer- Dear Heavenly Father- Thank you so much for the liberating work of Christ and your great mercy toward to us in Christ and through the Spirit. We come before you now and ask that you spare us from being conformed to the pattern of this world by renewing our minds. Help us instead, to with both humility and zeal, pursue the Spirits gifts and radically practice love and forgiveness- overcoming evil with good. We ask this in Jesus name- knowing it to be your good pleasing and perfect will- In Jesus Name; Amen!*