**NEW LIFESTYLE IN JESUS**

**Romans 12:1-21**

**Key Verse 12:1**

*“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.”*

1. Read verse 1. What is “God’s mercy”? How can we live lives pleasing to God? What does it mean to offer one’s body as a living sacrifice (Ro 6:13)? What kind of worshipers does God seek (Dt 6:5; Jn 4:23)?

2. Read verse 2. What is the pattern of this world? How did we conform to it in the past? How can our lifestyles be transformed? Why is the renewal of the mind essential to a transformed life (Mt 6:21; Mk 7:20-23)? How can our minds be renewed (Jn 17:17; Php 2:5; Heb 9:14)? What is the result (2b)?

3. Read verses 3-8. When we remember God’s grace, how ought we to think of ourselves (3)? How is the church described (4-5)? What are the different gifts mentioned and how should they be used (6-8; 1Co 14:12; Eph 4:16)? How can we recognize and respect others’ greatness?

4. Read verses 9-13. What is sincere love? Why is hatred of evil mentioned as being necessary to sincere love? What does it mean to be devoted to one another in love? What can we learn about how to be a good influence in the body of Christ (10-13)?

5. Read verses 14-16. How should we react toward those who persecute us? Toward those who rejoice and those who mourn? Why is pride a hindrance to the church and to following Jesus’ lifestyle?

6. Read verses 17-21. Why should the children of God not retaliate or seek revenge? How must we deal with those who are hostile toward us? Why? How can we transcend the battle against other human beings and engage in spiritual warfare instead?