

V1 THEREFORE IS INTENDED TO FOLLOW THE ENTIRE UNFOLDING OF PAUL'S ARGUMENT FOR THE GOSPEL THAT HE BEGAN IN CHAPTER 1

PAUL MAKES A CLEAR TRANSITION FROM THE DOCTRINAL PORTION OF THE EPISTLE TO THE APPLICATION PORTION IN LIGHT OF ALL THAT THE THINGS THAT HE HAS UNFOLDED ABOUT THE THINGS OF GOD THERE IS A PRACTICAL CONCLUSION PAUL WANTS HIS READERS TO REACH

NOW THAT HIS READERS HAVE BEEN SHOWN THE TRUE GOSPEL JUSTIFICATION SANCTIFICATION THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE IN ELECTION PERSEVERANCE AND THE SWEETNESS OF GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE PAUL WANTS THEM TO CONSIDER IT IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

HE SAYS I URGE YOU BRETHREN BY THE MERCIES OF GOD PAUL MAKES HIS PLEA IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S MERCIES WE ARE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN THROUGH THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST GOD WORKS ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR OUR GOOD GOD CALLS PEOPLE TO HIMSELF EVERY THING POINTS BACK TO GOD'S MERCY

OUR LIVES ARE TO BE A THANK OFFERING TO GOD FOR HIS MERCY TOWARD US PRESENTING OUR BODIES AS HOLY LIVING SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD OUR LIVES ARE TO BE AN AN EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP TO GOD ROM 6:13

OUR LIVES ARE TO BE A HOLY SACRIFICE WE ARE TO OFFER OURSELVES IN A WAY THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD IN HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE WHICH IS OUR REASONABLE SERVICE OF WORSHIP GAL 2:20

V2 NOT BEING CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD LIVING FOR THE HERE AND NOW WE ARE TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND BEING SANCTIFIED IN THE TRUTH BEING RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND EPH 4:17-23

KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS HEB 12:2-3 THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF FAITH BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY JUST AS FROM THE LORD THE SPIRIT 2COR 3:18

SO THAT YOU MIGHT PROVE WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS IT IS FOUND BY THE RENEWING OF THE MIND THROUGH FEEDING ON THE WORD OF GOD A RENEWED MIND BEGINS TO THINK GOD'S THOUGHTS AFTER HIM WHEN OUR MINDS ARE INFORMED BY THE WORD OF GOD WE ARE ABLE TO PROVE WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS

THAT WHICH IS GOOD ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WALKING IN THE SPIRIT GAL 5:22-25 HAVING CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES

OUR FATHER HAS NOT LEFT US TO OURSELVES HE HAS PROVIDED US WITH THE TRUTH AND THE SPIRIT WE ALSO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO COME TO HIM IN PRAYER THAT WE MIGHT FIND GRACE AND MERCY TO HELP IN OUR TIME OF NEED

THE WHOLE POINT OF CHRISTIANITY IS TO GLORIFY THE MERCY OF GOD IN CHRIST WE EXIST TO DISPLAY GOD'S MERCY

WE ARE TO BUILD OUR LIVES ON THE MERCY OF GOD OF ALL THE THINGS PAUL COULD HAVE PICKED OUT FROM ROM 1-11 AS THE ROOT AND FOUNDATION OF YOUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST HE PICKS OUT THE MERCIES OF GOD

ROM 15:8-9 FOR I SAY THAT CHRIST HAS BECOME A SERVANT TO THE CIRCUMCISION ON BEHALF OF THE TRUTH OF GOD TO CONFIRM THE PROMISES GIVEN TO THE FATHERS AND FOR THE GENTILES TO GLORIFY GOD FOR HIS MERCY

MAY GOD ENCOURAGE YOU AND ENABLE YOU BY HIS SPIRIT TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE MERCIES OF GOD REVEALED IN JESUS CHRIST RECEIVE THESE MERCIES ENTRUST YOUR LIFE TO THEM EMBRACE THEM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS AND ALL THE HELP YOU NEED TO LIVE A LIFE OF MERCY