

The Gospel Changes Relationships, Part 2
Romans 12:17-21

Romans 12 teaches us how people can be rightly related to each other. In a general sense, Christians should love people with a godly love. Jesus taught us that a summation of the law is to love God and love people, Mt 22:37-40. Romans 12 tells us what it looks like on an average day to love people.

Romans 12:9-16 How believers can and should treat other believers.

Romans 12:17-21 How believers can and should treat unbelievers.

You have the potential of seeing God's grace and mercy and power show up in your relationships because of who you are and how God has formed you. How you treat people is one way that you can demonstrate the gospel's influence in your life.

Jesus acted _____ when others acted _____ to Him and around Him.

This makes Him both our example and our Savior.

Live in such a way that you put the _____ on display.

The Bible goes deeper than good moral behavior. The Bible's morality points to the cross of Jesus Christ. *Do not repay evil for evil* is more than a moral principle. It's a description of what God did for you at the cross.

A wrong done _____ does not justify a wrong done _____.

All of these commands require trust in a _____ God.

You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. Hebrews 10:34

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.
1 Peter 2:23

Home Group Discussion Questions:

Content Questions:

1. What does it look like to live peaceably with all? Is this always possible to do?
2. How would you summarize Paul's teaching on how we treat our enemies in this passage? Where else in the NT do we find similar language?
3. In what ways did the gospel show up in this message? In other words, how is the gospel story demonstrated by how we treat those who have offended us?

Process Questions:

1. In what ways in the past or present have you treated your enemies?
2. Can you give any good examples whereby God's grace you were able to overcome evil with good?
3. What's the challenge to trusting God to make things right?