

# Sermon Supplement from September 7

## “Living Out The Gospel” – Romans 12:1-2

### WARM UP

- How does Romans chapters 12-16 illustrate that our doctrine must always impact our duty?

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*Read V. 1 | COMPELLED by the Gospel*

- Glance back through Romans chapters 1-11 and highlight some of the mercies of God. In what way does seeing these mercies compel you to live for the Lord?
- How does all the Old Testament sacrificial imagery in this verse (*living sacrifices, holy, acceptable, spiritual worship*) help you understand what God is asking of His people?
- Why do you think people often recoil against serving God out of duty or obligation? In your opinion what is the role of duty or obligation in the Christian life?
- How has our study of Romans 1-11 over the past year compelled you to live for the Lord?

*Read V. 2 | PROPELLED by the Gospel*

- What are some ways the world tries to squeeze us into its mold?
- In what ways do you personally tend to conform to the values or habits of the world?
- What is the biblical solution to being conformed to the pattern of the world?
- Why is it so important that transformation start from within? Why do we tend to start with outward actions? What’s the problem with this approach?
- Talk about the importance of the mind in Christian transformation (see also *Romans 8:5-7; Colossians 3:1-2; Ephesians 4:22-24; consider also doing a search of “mind” in the New Testament*).
- In your opinion, why is it necessary to change the way you think in order to change the way you live?
- What are specific ways you can “retrain your brain” to test and approve God’s good, pleasing, and perfect will?

### Wrap Up

- One is one way this study has challenged you to live out the Gospel? What steps will you take to put this into practice?
- How does this passage challenge or shape your attitude and actions?
- Is there a verse or phrase from this passage you want to carry with you and reflect on this week?

### Next Week’s Text – Romans 12:3-8

- **Read** – Read the text several times looking for key ideas.
- **Reflect** – What truths stand out to you? What challenges, convicts, or encourages you?
- **Respond** – What is your response to what you just read?