

Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome

EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

How to live
the best life!

16. Be transformed!

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Very practical and clear

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reasonable service,
rational worship

(Romans 12:1)



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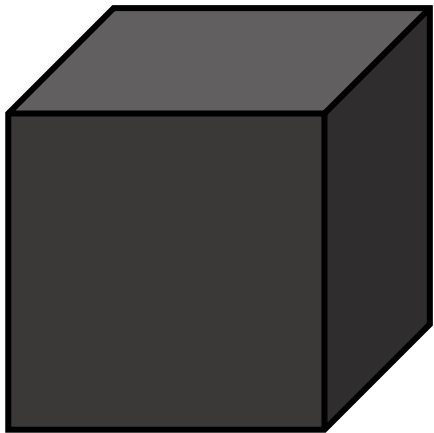
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be what it actually is.

(Romans 12:2)

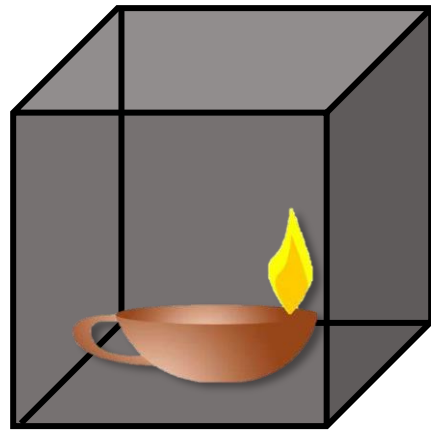
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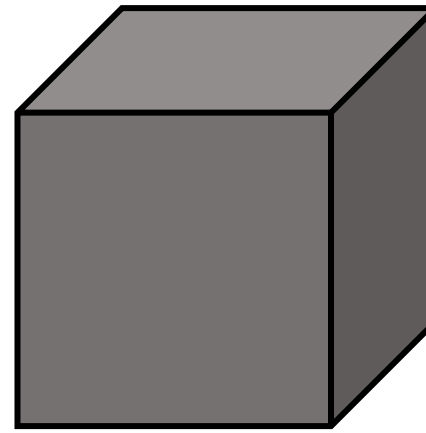
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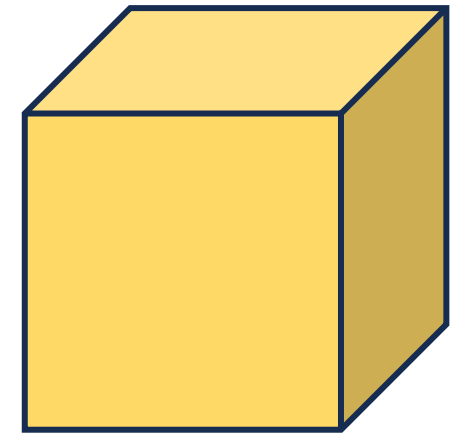
Before faith
(In darkness)



Saved!
(Sealed by the
Holy Spirit)




Conformed
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the flesh)



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Let this mind be in you...
(Philippians 2:5-8)

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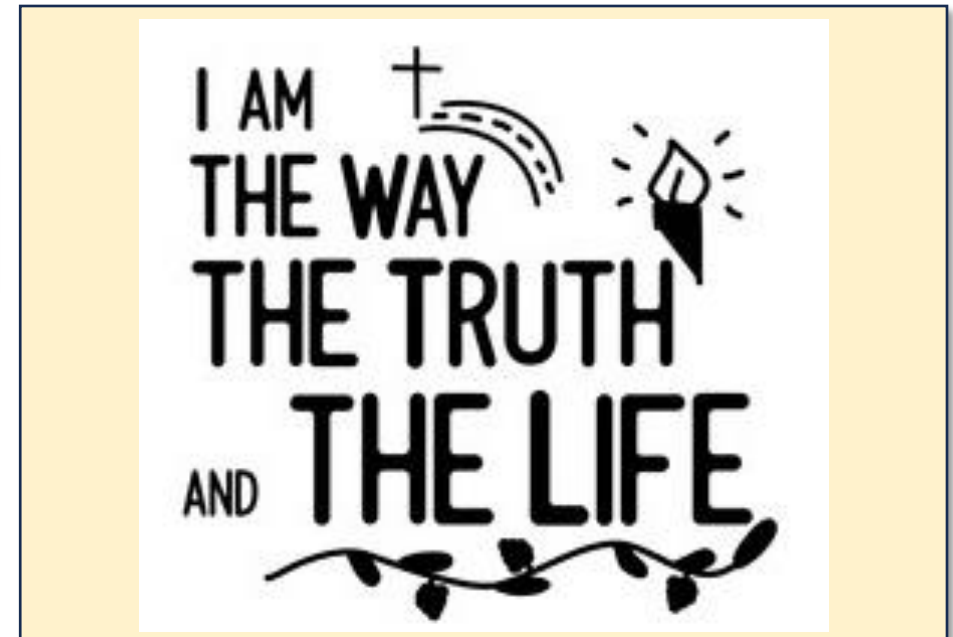
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Put to the test and
prove for yourself...

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the **good** and **acceptable**
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The best life...

Paul writing to believers in Colosse:

“...we have not ceased to pray for you,
asking that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will**
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
so as to walk in a manner
worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him:
bearing fruit in every good work and
increasing in the knowledge of God...”

(Colossians 1:9-10)

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For by the grace given to me I say to **everyone** among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, } **The human body**
so we, though many, are **one body in Christ**,
and individually members one of another.

(Romans 12:3-5)



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Having gifts that **differ** according to the **grace given to us**,
let us use them:

- ✓ if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith;
- ✓ if **service**, in our serving;
- ✓ the one who **teaches**, in his teaching;
- ✓ the one who **exhorts**, in his exhortation;
- ✓ the one who **contributes**, in generosity;
- ✓ the one who **leads**, with zeal;
- ✓ the one who does **acts of mercy**, with cheerfulness.

(Romans 12:6-8)

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Let love be genuine.

- ✓ Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
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- ✓ Outdo one another in showing honour.
- ✓ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
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(Romans 12:9-13)


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- ✓ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
- ✓ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- ✓ Live in harmony with one another.
- ✓ Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.
- ✓ Never be wise in your own sight.
- ✓ **Repay no one evil for evil**, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
- ✓ If possible, so far as it depends on you, **live peaceably with all.**

(Romans 12:14-18)

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- ✓ Beloved, **never avenge yourselves**, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written,

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

To the contrary,

“if your enemy is hungry, feed him;


if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;

for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

- ✓ Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good**.

(Romans 12:19-21)

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**Be transformed!
Prove God's will is perfect.**



**Memory
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Romans 12:1-2

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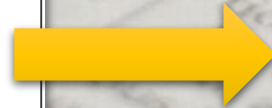
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