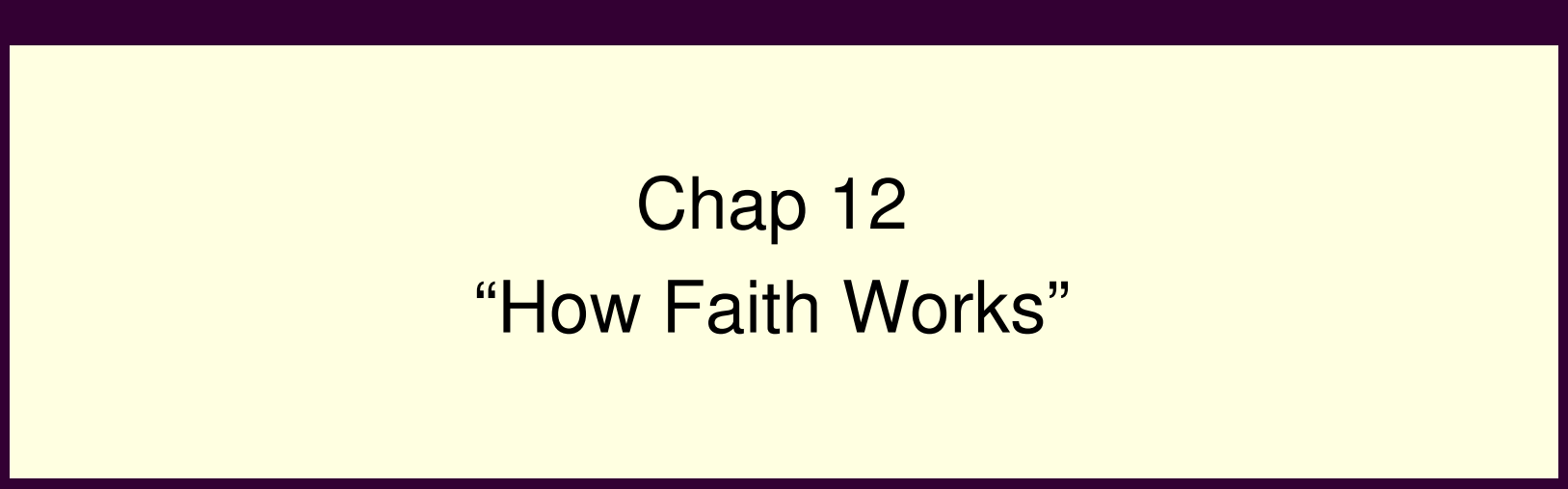




The Book of Romans



Chap 12
“How Faith Works”

<i>Intro - Personal (1:1-17)</i>	<p>The Gospel... Saving the Sinner:</p> <p>Sinfulness of Man</p> <p>Grace of God</p> <p>Justification/Sanctification/Security</p> <p><i>Chapters 1:18-8:39</i></p>	<p>The Gospel... Concerning Israel</p> <p>Divine Sovereignty and Human Will,</p> <p>Past, Present & Future of Israel</p> <p><i>Chapters 9-11</i></p>	<p>The Gospel... Concerning Christian Living</p> <p>Social, Civil and Personal</p> <p><i>Chapters 12:1 - 15:13</i></p>	<i>Conclusion (15:14 - 16:27)</i>
Emphasis	Doctrinal	National	Practical	
Response	Faith	Hope	Love	
Doctrine of Sin	Exposed	Conquered	Explained	Forgiven
Scope	Dead in sin	Dead to sin	Peace with God	Love for others
Main Theme	God's Righteousness is given to those who put their lives in Jesus Christ			
Key Verses	1:16-17			

Mercy and Grace

- Grace – Receiving something we don't deserve
- Mercy – Not Receiving what we do deserve
 - Rom 11:30 – Mercy Shown to the Gentiles
 - Rom 11:31 – Mercy Shown to the Jews
 - Rom 11:32 – Mercy Shown to ALL
- Rom 12:1 – “I urge you therefore by the mercies of God”
 - Did not appeal to the Severity of God (11:22)

Romans 12 Outline

- Romans 12:1-8 – How Faith Functions
- Romans 12:9-13 – Faith Expressed
- Romans 12:14-21 – Faith and our Enemies

The Response to Mercy (Rom. 12:1-3)

He **Urges** them to use 3 screws:

1. Consecration (1)

- a) Reserved for God
- b) The Sacrifice is YOU!!!

2. Transformation (2)

- a) Not Conformed to this world
- b) By Renewing of YOUR mind

3. Evaluation (3)

- a) Begins with Grace
- b) A proper appraisals of YOURself

Serving Others (Rom. 12:4-6)

- In Principle...Unity and Diversity (4-5)
- In Practice...Exercise them (6-8)
 - 7 Gifts:
 1. Prophecy...deliver the portion of Faith
 2. Service/Ministering...SERVE
 3. Teaching...TEACH
 4. Exhortation...EXHORT
 5. Giving...SIMPLICITY
 6. Leading...WITH DILIGENCE
 7. Shows Mercy...WITH CHEERFULNESS
 - Changing Ourselves precedes Giving Ourselves

The Way of Faith (Rom. 12:9-13)

- **It has to be Expressed!!!**
- True Love is not Hypocritical (9)
- True Love Discriminates (9b)
- Eight Expressions of True Love
 1. Devotion (10a)
 2. Unselfish (10b)
 3. Enthusiasm (11)
 4. Hope (12a)
 5. Consistency (12b)
 6. Prayerful (12c)
 7. Generosity (13a)
 8. Hospitality (13b)

3 Forces that Block Love's Expression

1. Fear

- a) Rejection
- b) Past Experiences

2. Passivity

- a) “others” will make the first move
- b) “tell me how I can help”

3. Pre-occupation

- a) Wrapped up in our own pleasures
- b) Wrapped up in our own pain

Faith and our Enemies (Rom 12:14-21)

- Personal
- Attainable
- 6 Rules of Engagement:
 1. Resist your Natural Human Response (14)
 2. Put Yourself in the Other's Place (15)
 3. Try to Live Harmoniously (16)
 4. Never Pay Back Evil for Evil (17,18)
 5. Leave All Revenge with God (19)
 6. Be Sensitive to Your Enemies Needs and Meet them (20)

And Finally Brethren...

Applications of Romans 12

1. Christ's Example... 2 Pet 2:19-24
2. Stephen's effect on Paul
3. It takes work!!! ...so far as it depends on you!!!
 - a) Consecration
 - b) Transformation
 - c) Evaluation