

## - Fleshly Boasting -

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. KJV

I tell you if everyone understands and takes this verse to heart, that would be the end of racism, prejudice and ego in our churches and the world. How did Paul arrived at this admonition? Previous verses laid out to us the lawlessness of the Gentiles and the self-righteousness of the Jews. It speaks of the pride and arrogance of the Jews, of their flesh and how they missed it. By this we can understand the temporary rejection of them and the grafting in of the Gentiles. Now lest the Gentiles get puffed up in their minds and think they are better than the Jews they also are warned that they could be cut off.

Romans 11:19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. KJV

Every people group needs to knockoff their fleshly boasting. None of us are any better than the other. Everyone is sinful needing the Savior. We are all dependent upon the mercies of God. Now brethren there is no white or black Christian. We're one in Christ Jesus. There is sufficient grace for today as there is everyday. Sacrifice your ego, pride, arrogance, accolades, position and power and think of others more highly than you think of yourself. Help one another and truly care for one another from a pure heart.

Romans 12:2 . . . And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. KJV

Politics is the way of the world. Putting each other down is the way of the world. Death to an other man's gift is the way of the world. Success at the expense of the poor and unfortunate is the way of the world. "I'm more powerful and important than you", is an ugly way of the world. Put these things off and be clothed with Christ. Be clothed with true humility and love. No politics in the church. If your party wins in world politics praise the Lord and if not then praise the Lord for reminding you that you are not home yet. Put away all this childish behavior. You're a man now!

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, NOT TO THINK OF HIMSELF more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. KJV

This is the way of life and anything else is the way of death. The culture around us would always drag us down to its level of immaturity but God through faith wants to bring the best out of us, develop us to full maturity. Let's respect one another whatever your position, power and accolades may be. And we will enjoy the presence of God everywhere and every time. To Him be glory. Amen