

Romans # 193

“One Hand Washes the Other”

Romans 15:27-33

We have different spiritual gifts and different personalities and just as our physical bodies have different parts with different functions, we all belong to the same royal family of God.

God provided a means for us to tolerate all believers and to support some and our common ground is the mystery doctrine of the Church Age to guard against division.

We all have the same amount of God's perfect righteousness which causes us to be justified, at peace with God and each other and we all have eternal life.

We have forgiveness of sins and eternal life; we hear our Savior's voice and He knows us; we represent ourselves before God as royal priests and we represent Him to the world as royal ambassadors; we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ not the U.S. government.

So, why not you, ruling with Jesus Christ?

But whatever the reason for their poverty, the grace giver doesn't make distinction; he gives based on who and what he is, not who or what the recipient is; so like impersonal love, the RFHC demands impersonal giving.

The believer who's prospered from the Lord is motivated by the Word to give money to those who've provided for them or shared with them in spiritual things.

Genuine spiritual giving is the act of the positive believer who has benefited from biblical teaching by advancing in the plan of God and true givers share in the spiritual things from Bible teaching so that only the Word in their souls motivates them to give and nothing else.

And it's always grace, so the money to give comes from divinely directed prosperity as God creates the wealth to use and then the motivation to give comes from the Word of God in the soul.

To make emotion a standard for life is to enter into bad procedure leading to rebellion, neutralizing any virtue we might have from previous spiritual experiences.

The emotional draw to Jerusalem causes Paul to become inflexible on non-essential issues as the distribution of money did not require Paul's administrative ability.

Paul is the one man who is truly prepared to go west and do the job right and he eventually will.

Paul's ministry is necessary to bring many to maturity, so a positive remnant of believers is established in Rome since the expansion of Christianity must include that vital area.

Jerusalem is being phased out as the center of Christianity as positive response to biblical truth is moving away from the Jews to the Gentiles to the west and since the mystery doctrine of Paul is unique, it's imperative that he teach the Word in Rome and beyond so some of his greatest work in doctrine is accomplished in Rome; i.e. the prison epistles.

Paul is unique and he's going to come to Rome and give the church a full complement of what they need, the most advanced doctrines of God.

All blessings from TLJC to mature believers glorify God.

Erroneous prayer requests lead to ineffective prayer.

Just as advanced bombing must be on target to give support to the infantry, prayer petition must be accurate to be effective.

The petition of a prayer request must specify a correct target compatible with the will of God, so the more biblical truth we know, the more we'll know of the will of God and if you're in doubt, always begin your prayer with 'if it be Your will.'

Even the greatest ministry is totally ineffective when faced with negative reaction.

The most difficult prayers are for the rebellious because they often involve begging God to spare someone so he might live long enough to recover.

So, prayer must zeroed in on the target: the will of God, to be effective.

Often God honors the desire behind a petition and answers only that much of it.

Happiness and the will of God always go together and doing the will of God involves three things: right thought followed by the right function in the right place.

Where the Word of God is taught effectively, those who respond positively have a relaxed loving attitude toward the one who teaches them.

The greatest relationship in life is between the communicator and those who are positive responders to the Word of God and it's not a personal relationship.