

Sermon Notes 01.21.2024 – A Transformational Year of Living [Ireana's Word]

Everything Comes from Our Great, Unsearchable God

Romans 11:33-36 *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!* ³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? ³⁵ Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? ³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

- After explaining God's Unfathomable Heart and His plan to save all of Israel, The Word tells us of God's unfathomable nature and His plan to save us.
- **2 Peter 1:2-4** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.
- All Things - "...from Him and through Him and to Him are all things."

Complete Surrender in Order to Be Transformed is Our "Service of Worship."

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but *be transformed by the renewing of your mind,* so that *you may prove* what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

- We are "Urged" "By the mercies of Gog" – Which never fail
 - o **Lamentations 3:21-23** This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. ²² The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.
- "A living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God..."
- "...be transformed by the renewing of your mind"
 - o **"Mind"** – "the *intellect*, in thought, feeling, or will; by implication *meaning*: - mind, understanding." (Strong)
- "Prove" – Recognize /Approve

Gifts of Grace

Romans 12:3-8 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think**; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. **4** For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, **5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. **6** Since **we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us**, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if **prophecy**, according to the proportion of his faith; **7** if **service**, in his serving; or he who **teaches**, in his teaching; **8** or **he who exhorts**, in his exhortation; he who **gives**, with liberality; he who **leads**, with diligence; he who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

Pleasing God, Marks the Life of the True Christian

Romans 12:9-21 Let **love be without hypocrisy**. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

- 10** Be **devoted to one another in brotherly love**; give preference to one another in honor;
- 11** not lagging behind in diligence, **fervent in spirit, serving the Lord**;
- 12** **rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer**,
- 13** **contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality**.
- 14** Bless those who persecute you; **bless and do not curse**.
- 15** **Rejoice with those who rejoice**, and **weep with those who weep**.
- 16** Be of the same mind toward one another; **do not be haughty in mind**, but **associate with the lowly**.

Do not be wise in your own estimation.

- 17** **Never pay back evil for evil to anyone**. **Respect what is right** in the sight of all men.
- 18** **If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**
- 19** **Never take your own revenge**, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.
- 20** "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."
- 21** **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Let the Holy Spirit Lead You – Pick a Short List that you can remember

Recognize How Great God Is

Desire to be Transformed - Begin By Surrendering to God – Ask God to Do a Work in You

If Never Before, This Year, Seek to Know How God Intends for His Grace to Work in You

Make a Habit of Reading the Marks of the True Christian, Desiring to Be Pleasing in Greater Ways