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APPROPRIATELY RESPONDING TO ONE ANOTHER

Brian R. Kenyon

The appropriate response to God for those outside of Christ is, obviously, to obey His plan of salvation, which puts a person “in Christ” (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:27-29). Those who are in Christ must still respond appropriately. As detailed in the August 2019 *Harvester*, they must respond to God by remaining set apart for Him (Rom. 12:1), and by remaining set apart from the world (Rom. 12:2). In this article, focus will be upon two ways Christians must respond to other Christians. Consider what Paul wrote to the Romans:

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴For as we

have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

¹³distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. (Rom. 12:3-16)


From these verses, there are two basic responses Christians should have toward fellow-Christians.

BE HUMBLE

Paul speaks through the “grace given to me,” which refers to his apostleship (cf. Eph. 3:8; 1 Tim. 1:12-14). He first informed the Romans *how not* to think of themselves and then *how to* think of others, both of which would have a direct impact upon their relationships with each other. “To think ... more highly” is to hold too high an opinion of oneself. Christians must not be “puffed up” (1 Cor. 4:18; 5:2), but must consider each other as equally belonging to God. “To think soberly” is to be in one’s right mind; be sensible or serious (Mk. 5:15; 2 Cor. 5:13; Titus 2:6; 1 Pet. 4:7). When Paul referenced that “God has dealt [allotted, NAS; assigned, ESV] to each one a measure of faith,” he was reminding his readers that “the most worthy is the one who recognizes that he is most unworthy apart from the worth that God grants to him” (Batey, *Romans* 150). Arrogance has no place in God’s kingdom (Mt. 20:26-28)! May all Christians have the humble disposition that allows them to “receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God” (Rom. 15:7).

BE APPRECIATIVE AND RESPECTFUL

The church is one body with many members (Rom. 12:4-5 cf. 1 Cor. 12:14-27). In the body of Christ, there is unity of purpose in diversity of function. At least two recognitions are needed to be appreciative and respectful to one another. First, Christians must recognize that each member is vitally important and has a particular role to fulfill (cf. 1 Cor. 12:18-20). The word “function [office, KJV]” refers to what a person does; practice; function of a body part. Though each member has a different function, each is part of the whole and must work together as one (Rom. 12:5 cf. 1 Cor. 12:25; Eph. 4:15-16).

Second, Christians must recognize that each member has different abilities (Rom. 12:6-8). The word translated “gifts” (from *charisma*, χάρισμα) basically means a gift as an expression of divine grace. In Paul’s writing, “gifts” may refer to: (1) gifts associated with God’s salvation (Rom. 5:15-16; 6:23; 11:29; 2 Cor. 1:11); miraculous gifts (Rom. 1:11; 1 Cor. 1:7; 12:4, 9, 28, 30-31; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6); or (3) abilities/talents (1 Cor. 7:7 cf. 1 Pet. 4:10-11). Paul lists a number of “gifts” in Romans 12:6-16 that come from more than one of these uses. Although the miraculous gifts no longer apply (1 Cor. 13:8-13), may all Christians be respectful and appreciative of the “gifts” with which God has blessed them and their fellow-Christians that unity may prevail! 

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- 9:00 The Concept of Redemption Will Hanstein
- 9:40 The Curse of Sin Terrance Brownlow-Dindy
- 10:20 BREAK
- 10:50 Redemptive Events: The Flood Sam Willcut

Forum: Rooted in Redemption

- 1:30 Implications of Being "Bought with Price" Thomas Wise
- 2:00 "Redeeming the Time" Forest Stone Antemasaris
- 2:30 Protecting Self from Believing in Vain Hiram Kemp
- 3:30 **Ladies Class:** Eve and Redemption Shenia Brownlow-Dindy
- 3:30 Questions and Answers On Forum Topic
- 4:30 DINNER
- 6:30 Congregational Singing
- 7:00 Great Redemption Texts: Psalm 22 David Myers
- 7:45 Christ: Manifestation of Redemption Jeff A. Jenkins

Tuesday

- 9:00 Why Is Blood Required? Stephen Atnip
- 9:40 OT Sacrifices and Redemption Brooks Boyd
- 10:20 BREAK
- 10:50 Redemptive Events: The Exodus Jeff A. Jenkins

Forum: Deity's Role in Redemption

- 1:30 The Father's Role John Allan
- 2:00 The Son's Role Scott Pfettscher
- 2:30 The Holy Spirit's Role David Stearsman
- 3:00 BREAK
- 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic
- 4:30 DINNER
- 6:30 Congregational Singing
- 7:00 Great Redemption Texts: Isaiah 53 Rico Brown
- 7:45 The "Redemption of the Body" Jimmy Clark

Wednesday

- 9:00 Types of Redemption in Genesis Timothy Kidwell
- 9:40 Substitutionary Atonement Chad Tagtow
- 10:20 BREAK
- 10:50 Redemptive Events: Israel's Captivity & Return J. Clark

Forum: Metaphors of Redemption

- 1:30 Justification: Acquittal from Sin Daniel Stearsman
- 2:00 Forgiveness: Removal of Sin's Debt James Barnes
- 2:30 Adoption: Acceptance as Family Chris Kidwell
- 3:30 **Ladies Class:** Rahab and Redemption Hannah Giselsbach
- 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic
- 4:30 DINNER
- 6:30 Congregational Singing
- 7:00 Great Redemption Texts: 2 Cor. 5:17-21 Ben L. Radford, Sr.
- 7:45 Rejecting Redemption Ty Rhymes

Thursday

- 9:00 Connecting Redemption & Evangelism Wade Webster
- 9:40 Connecting Redemption & Edification Allen Webster
- 10:20 BREAK
- 10:50 Redemptive Events: Christ's Crucifixion Melvin L. Otey

Forum: TULIP's Twist of Redemption

- 1:30 "Total Hereditary Depravity" Ben Giselsbach
- 2:00 "Limited Atonement" C. J. Grimes
- 2:30 "Perseverance of the Saints" George F. Beals
- 3:30 **Ladies Class:** Mary, Elizabeth, and Redemption H. Giselsbach
- 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic
- 4:30 DINNER
- 6:30 Congregational Singing
- 7:00 Great Redemption Texts: Hebrews 9:13-15 Hiram Kemp
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Two New Board Members

In the September 2019 board meeting of the Florida School of Preaching, we appointed two new board members. Terrance Brownlon-Dindy (below left) has preached for 20 years and is currently a part-time instructor with the school and does Gospel meeting work. Barry J. Enzor (below right) has been serving as an elder with the Wesconnett church of Christ in Jacksonville, Florida, for over 6 years. He has also worked in federal law enforcement for 40 years. We look forward to working with them and gleaning their Biblical wisdom.



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With this being the time of year many local churches and individuals begin to make their budgets for 2020, it is a good time to remind our readers (and others who may be interested) of ways they can help the Florida School of Preaching. Since 1969, we have offered college level, tuition-free, education in Bible and preacher training. As our culture, including segments of our brotherhood, moves away from biblical moorings, support from faithful brethren and congregations is even more needed! First, we recommend people become familiar with our work. Regular *Harvester* readers already are, but for those who are not, please examine our purpose and track-record through our graduates, class material, *Harvester* articles, lectureship books, etc. Second, pray for our work. Third, help us find new students and supporters. If you know of faithful Christian men whom you think would make good preachers, let us know. Encourage others to look into our work and possibly contribute financially. Fourth, if you are not already financially contributing to the school, please start. Perhaps \$50 per month individually and \$100 as a congregation would be affordable. It would greatly help us! Fifth, remember us in your wills and estates. We appreciate your prayers and help! —*Brian*