

***Sermon Notes***  
***City on a Hill: Romans 12***  
“Introduction”  
Romans 12:1

I. Introduction of Series

A. Study Book – City on a Hill by Philip Ryken

1. Abraham Lincoln
2. Forgetfulness of God.
  - a. Romans 1:28-36

B. The problem of the use of our minds.

1. Lose the ability to think.
  - a. James Boice

C. This fall we are re-examining the foundations.

1. Philosophical questions.
2. Practical questions.

II. Looking deeply into Romans 12.

A. Familiar with the Chapter?

1. The memory assignment.

B. Introduction to Romans 12 and to the end of the book.

1. “Therefore”, Romans 12:1

- a. Are Chapters 12-16 the more practical part of Romans?
- b. No – These chapters are the application of the practical doctrinal material found in chapters 1-11.
- c. Practical application of consequence?

1. Hillsdale College: “Because \_\_\_\_\_”

2. Paul is beginning to deal with how we are to live.

- a. Note Eze. 33:10 and Francis Schaffer’s landmark book.
- b. Note the difference:  
How should we live?  
How should we THEN live?

III. Exposition – Notes on Verse 1

A. “Therefore”

1. Refers to everything that preceded up to it including Ch. 1.

B. “Mercies”

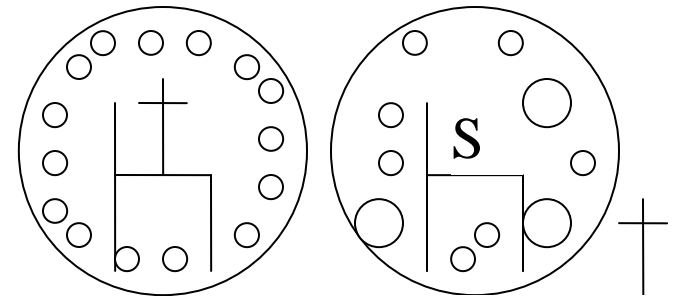
1. Note that it is plural. The NIV is incorrect.
2. All of the mercies we receive each day are from God.

C. “Sacrifice”

1. A paradox is in view. We must die in order to live.
  - a. Luke 9:23
  - b. Francis of Assisi
  - c. James Boice

D. The concept of sacrifice – Illustrations on where we stand.

a.



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- b. We belong to Christ.

I Cor. 6:19-20; I Cor. 7:23; I Peter 1:18-19

- c. Note Peter’s use of the word “Redemption.”

1. Redeemed or bought out of the marketplace.

IV. Points for Reflection.

- A. Exercise your minds throughout this fall study.
- B. God provides mercies for us every day.
- C. Sacrifice, as a term, should not simply conjure up denial, discipline, resolutions which may make us depressed. It should conjure up **LIFE**.
- D. God redeemed you out of the marketplace of the world!