

Sermon Notes

City on a Hill: Romans 12

“Evil is Never an Option” – Romans 12:16-18

I. Introduction

A. The Text: Romans 12:1-18

B. Romans 12

1. The call to live differently.

a. Christians lead different lives than the world because God has made the difference in their lives.

b. The difference is discernable in four areas.

1. Conduct _____.

2. Conduct _____.

3. Conduct _____.

4. Conduct _____.

2. Now toward the end of Romans 12, Paul turns to perhaps the greatest challenge to personal holiness.

a. Making Christianity work in the face of _____ toward you by people who are enemies.

II. Exposition

A. Verse 17

1. Reviewing the power of the State, church and the Christian's submission to both.

a. Death penalty enacted – Genesis 9:5-6.

b. Mosaic Law – More than 30 capital offenses.

c. Eye for eye motif – Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20, Deut. 19:21.

1. Civil justice and not personal justice.

2. Rodger Nicole.

d. New Testament – Power of the state continues.

Romans 13:1-4.

e. Power of Church – does not have power of physical life and death. Does have power of spiritual life and death.

1. Gospel key.

2. Discipline key.

3. Signs and Seals – Baptism & Communion.

f. Christian submits to both State and Church.

g. Evil begins in the heart and Jesus is always concerned with our inner being.

Matthew 5:21-22

2. Respect what is right.

a. Do the right thing.

b. Practical areas.

1.

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B. Verse 18.

1. Sometimes peace is not attainable.

2. Most of the time we could do more.

3. Proverbs 10:12; 12:16; 14:9; 15:1; 17:9; 17:14; 29:22

4. Inner Drive: Boice & MacArthur

III. Points for Reflection – Do not live like the world.

A. You wrong me, I will wrong you.

B. Do the right thing.

C. Prefer others above yourselves.