

“Submission to Unbelievers”

Romans 12:14-21

I. OFFENSE: "bless... rejoice... be of same mind... " (vv.14-16)

A. Speak Well: "bless those who persecute you" (v.14)

B. Sympathize: "Rejoice... and weep" (v.15)

C. Submit: "Be of the same mind" (v.16)

1. Be Humble: "do not be haughty in mind" (v.16a)

2. Be Honest: "do not be wise in your own estimation" (v.16b)

II. DEFENSE: "respect...be at peace...leave room..." (vv.17-21)

A. Forbear: "never pay back evil for evil" (vv.17-18)

1. Honor: "respect what is right in the sight of all men" (v.17)

2. Harmonize: "If possible... be at peace with all men" (v.18)

B. Forgive: "never take your own revenge" (vv.19-20)

1. Refrain: "leave room for the wrath of God" (v.19)

2. Refresh: "enemy hungry/feed... thirsty/give him drink" (v.20)

C. Forestall: "do not be overcome by evil" (v.21)

1. Defense: "do not be overcome by evil" (v.21a)

2. Offense: "overcome evil with good" (v.21b)

*Next week: **Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7***