

Centered by the Cross

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Romans 12:9-21

I. Three Ways “The Cruciformed” Deal with Evil

A. They Choose the Right _____

1. The first 11 chapters of Romans teach the gospel of Christ. The last five give how to practically apply it.
 - a. **Romans 12:1**, *“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God”*

Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23

Romans 5:6-8

- b. Now what is the right attitude for us to have towards “evil”?!

Romans 12:9

Matthew 7:3

2 Corinthians 13:5

- c. When we find evil in ourselves or others there are 2 things we must do: _____ & _____

Matthew 12:43-45

Matthew 17:5

Mark 5:5

1 Timothy 4:1

Ephesians 4:28-29

James 1:21

- d. Notice, **Romans 12:9** says our attitude must be to, *“Abhor/Hate WHAT is evil.”* Not “WHO” is evil.

Romans 12:1

Hebrews 12:2

B. They Choose the Right _____

1. Actions follow attitudes . . .

Romans 12:2, 17

2. Of course, it is easy to say the right things, but the reality of what a person believes is seen by their *actions*.

1 Peter 2:21-23

Ephesians 4:32

Matthew 6:15

C. They Choose the Right _____

1. The way an individual responds evil demonstrates their level of spiritual growth.

Romans 12:21

2. Jesus answers the question of how to “*overcome evil with good*,” (**Luke 6:27-28**)
 - a. **V. 27a**, “*But I say to you, love your enemies, DO GOOD to those who hate you...*”

Luke 22:50

- b. **V. 28a**, “*...BLESS those who curse you*”

Matthew 5:39-40

Genesis 4:4-8

- c. **V. 28b**, “*...PRAY for those who mistreat you.*”

Luke 10:3

Proverbs 24:16-17, 11

CONCLUSIONS: Titus 3:5; Acts 22:16; Acts 2:38