

A Godly Response Part 1 - 6/3/18

(Romans 12:14-21)

God's _____ inside believers affects our _____ and helps us _____ God's will. - Phil. 2:12-13

I. A Godly Response to _____ from _____ - v.14, 17-21

The call of v.14-21 is _____ for us apart from the _____ mind of v.2 because the _____ human response is to feel _____ and _____ against those who hurt us.

Persecution often comes from seemingly strange sources like our _____, or even from some who look and sound very _____, but who are _____ for _____ and _____. (John 12:1-11)

Matthew Henry broke Romans 12:14 into 4 difficult steps:

- Speak _____ your persecutors
- Speak _____ your persecutors
- Truly _____ for your persecutors
- Actually _____ for _____ for your persecutors

The OT call of "an eye for eye and a tooth for a tooth" was a _____ against over _____ that didn't _____ the _____; and was mainly a stance that civil _____ must take to maintain _____.

The phrase "if possible" in v.18 means we can only take care of _____ in relationships because sometimes:

- Keeping the peace would mean _____ God. Peace must be genuinely _____, but not at the _____ of _____. (Acts 15:1-2)
- Some people just _____ to _____ in _____.

Verse 19 means that for us to take _____ would be like _____ from God. It _____ to Him.

For us to "leave it to the wrath of God" (v.19) requires and reveals _____ in:

- God's _____
- God's _____
- God's _____
- God's _____

Of v.21 Stott writes: "To repay _____ for evil is to be _____ by it; to repay _____ for evil is to _____ evil with _____. This is the way of the _____."

It is possible to fulfill the call of v.14-21:

- When we truly _____ that _____ is God's. It may take _____, but _____ will be done.
- When the _____ controls us we begin to _____, _____ and _____ like Jesus.
- When we _____ on how Christ did this for us.