

By All Means, Bless All People!

The Beauty of Transformational Living

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Romans 12:14-16

Key Thought: We are called to be _____
_____!

I. _____ those who _____. v. 14

This is a caution concerning _____.

II. _____ with tears of _____ and
tears of _____. v. 15

This is a caution concerning _____.

III. _____ without _____. v. 16

This is a caution concerning _____.

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1. Persecution can come in a variety of ways. Have you ever been persecuted because of your faith in Christ?

How did it happen?

Why do you think it happened?

2. How have you responded when treated badly by others?

3. What do you think Paul means when he says in verse 14 "*bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse*"? What does it mean to "bless" another person?

4. It is amazing that God has given us the same mechanism to express the greatest joys in life and the deepest sorrows. How have you expressed either of these in the past 12 months?

5. Is it possible to have joy for those who have treated you badly?

6. Why do you think Paul follows his exhortation for us to “live in harmony with one another” with the exhortations “not to be haughty” and to “associate” with those from a different social strata ? (v.16)

7. In what ways do you “puff up” your own estimation of yourself? (v.16)

8. What action is God impressing on you?