

SALEM HEIGHTS

# THRIVING



IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

“Our “Thriving” passage this week of Romans chapter 12, kicks off a new focus within our Inductive bible study. That focus will be the theme of “The Purpose Of Life”.

The reason for which we do something is purpose. The reason something was created or the reason it exists, is its purpose. Romans 12 has much to say about the believer’s purpose, so we pray that as you engage the text, you observe purpose and then as you interpret what the text is saying to you, you will be able to apply it to your life. May we all have God’s blessing as we engage our purpose in the Spirit led life. As we embrace God’s purpose for each of us.

To have the correct purpose in the smallest things in life, has us ready for the largest accomplishments in Christ.” — Pastor Matt

## Romans 12

### A Living Sacrifice

**12** Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

### Many Gifts but One Body

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one.<sup>4</sup> Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function,<sup>5</sup> in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.<sup>6</sup> According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one’s faith;<sup>7</sup> if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching;<sup>8</sup> if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

### Christian Ethics

<sup>9</sup> Let love be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good.<sup>10</sup> Love one another deeply as brothers

and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another. <sup>11</sup> Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Give careful thought to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. <sup>18</sup> If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> But If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. <sup>21</sup> Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What does this passage teach us about God?
3. What does this passage teach us about Man?
4. What purpose does this passage call us to live out?