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studies in Romans 9-16

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study 1—knowing you place —Romans 9-11

OK... here's the apology. Attempting notes on potential additional questions arising from this study was going to require a book. There is so much to cover in these chapters. So please... please... email me with any question you have and I'll do my best to get back to you quickly on it. Alternatively, don't forget—once the talk goes up on the website (usually on the Sunday) - you can always post a question as a 'comment' - then others will be able to see the answer once I put it up. Thankfully, however, Pete has provided some more input for the 'putting it into practice'—section below...—Steve

After chatting with a few leaders on Wednesday night, I thought it might be helpful to provide you with an example of how I envisage the growth plan being used each week. Please see below for my response to study 2. However, this is just an example—my example, everybody's plan will/should be unique and will therefore cover slightly different issues to those that I cover. —Pete.

Transformation: planning to grow—transformed lives

Fill out the table in response to what you have learnt from God's word. How will you plan to transform your **life** this week "in view of God's mercy"?

| describe the current problem | describe the plan for growth | describe the desired outcome |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I often lose sight of God's mercy as my motivation for sacrificial worship—a motivation problem. • my worship is often not truly sacrificial. When the going gets tough, I look for the easy way out—an effort problem. • sometimes I "coast" in my relationship with God but this is foolish. Romans 12:1-2 tells me clearly that there are only two options—conforming to the world or being transformed to be like Jesus—a wisdom problem. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm going to start signing all my emails: "remembering that it's Christ we serve" as a reminder for both myself & others. • I'm going to memorise these two verses and recite them every waking hour when my phone alarm beeps—even if someone else is listening! • I'm going to stop watching TV news which is not really knowledge but infotainment. I'm not going to watch any unplanned TV because TV will only help me conform, not be transformed by the renewing of my mind. When I get the urge to turn on the telly, I'm going to pick up my Bible instead. • and yes—I am going to pray that God's Spirit would enable me to do all these things. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that I will be more fully God's man, Christ's man—having his mind and his heart. • the gospel—God's mercy—will be my motivation to serve Christ and I will be less proud of my work for him. • I will be different—less conformed to the pattern of this world and more transformed to be like Jesus. • God's will will be my will—my living sacrifice will be joyful sacrifice. |

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