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June 29, 2025

# Spiritual Growth In Grace, part 2 **Romans 12:9-21**

**5th Sunday, Family Worship** 

## Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

| Preparation       | Psalm 95:6-7 (CSB)  |
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| Welcome           | Roberta Leo   |
| Adoration         | Come Now Is The Time To Worship<br>10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)<br>Build My Life |
| Prayer            | Irene Chen  |
| Scripture Reading | Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)<br>Deacon Gene Yee   |
| Proclamation      | Mark of a True Christian<br>Brother Tim Eng   |
| Response Music    | In Christ Alone   |
| Offertory Prayer  | Deacon Gene Yee   |
| Announcements     | Erin Joe  |
| Benediction       | Pastor Donald Gardner   |



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#### **Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)**

**9** Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. **10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **20** To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Notes:

| Date      | English (9:45 am)                               | Mandarin (9:45 am)    | Cantonese (11:15 am)  |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 6/29/2025 | Brother Tim Eng<br>(5th Sunday, Family Worship) | Pastor Jian Yang      | Pastor Oleg Xu        |
| 7/6/2025  | COMBINED WORSHIP<br>SERVICE at 10 am            |                       |                       |
| 7/13/2025 | Rev. Andrew Chao                                | Pastor Donald Gardner | Pastor Donald Gardner |

**Monthly Preaching Schedule** 

| Donald Gardner                   | Jian Yang (John)          |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Oleg Xu                          | Geraldine Lee             |
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### **Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner**

#### "Owning a Car Can Be a Pain!"

Paying for a car, keeping up with regular maintenance, avoiding accidents, and many other things, make it time consuming and challenging for the vehicle's owner. Yet, this is an instrument that is vital to our daily lives and can be a wonderful tool for serving our Lord.

Church Membership is similar to that car responsibility. When one determines to become a true disciple of Jesus and be more than a "consumer" within an individual church body, it reveals that he/she understands that the church is never just a body providing for personal needs. It is a gathering of God's family seeking to bless others by its existence! When one becomes a member of a local church, that person takes on the challenges and joys of protecting and developing that body into a healthy evangelistic tool of the Father. The days of church shopping are set aside and "ministry ownership" takes that person into new responsibilities of serving the Lord through this new fellowship of believers.

May we all pray that our local church goals and needs motivate us in our discipling and serving, to be available in areas where our individual spiritual gifting is used to grow our church. Thus serving together, our church can be a shining light in a needy world. May we also be mature enough to avoid negative criticism of church weaknesses and other members as we seek to remember the importance of our Christian walk.

#### Announcements

- Due to no lunch fellowship today, the combined choir practice with Mr. Clifford Lee will be at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- CBC is now accepting applications for our annual Scholarship Program for Lillie W. Ligh and Maria L. Gor Memorial Scholarships and Travis & Thelma Key Scholarship. If you are interested, please fill out the online form at https://tinyurl.com/cbcscholarship2025. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, June 30, 2025. For any questions, please email Ashley Lo at

ashleyl@cbchouston.org

- Senior Rainbow Field Trip will be on Thursday, July 3, 2025 to Galveston. The plans are to ride the Ferry to the Bolivar Peninsula and visit Fort Travis-which is named after Colonel William Travis. Departure from the CBC parking lot is at 8 am. Registration is closed already. CBC Office will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day.
- Combined Worship Service in observance of Independence Day will be on Sunday, July 6, 2025 at 10 am in the Sanctuary. The Church Wide Prayer meeting will be integrated into the Worship Service followed by a
- combined Church Wide Picnic event and lunch will be provided in the FLC. Senior Rainbow Fellowship will be on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 10 am in the FLC celebrating 250 years of our country's heritage. Lunch Cost is \$8/person, please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321.
- Save the date: Church Wide Retreat will be on Friday, Oct 3 to Sunday, Oct 5, 2025 at the Trinity Pines Camp. Details to follow soon.
- Spiritual Gift Form and Ministry Form are available. These forms are an important part of helping us understand how God has uniquely gifted each of you and where you can serve in our CBC church community. Please scan the code below.



**Spiritual Gift Form** 



**Ministry Fair Response Form**