

# ROMANS

The Heart of the Matter

Romans: the Heart of the Matter  
The Christian Life  
*“Transformation”*  
Romans 12:1-8

Lamplighters Women’s Bible Study  
Feb. 24, 2016



# Announcements

Tonight, 6:30, 30 minute Lenten service with Taize music, in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

St. Paul Speaks—Mon., Mar. 21; 6:30 for snacks and fellowship; 30-40 minute performance begins at 7:00. Phil Smith will be doing performance scripture on the Gospel of God's Love with excerpts from Paul's letter to the churches in Rome, Ephesus, and Corinth. Free will offering.



# Change My Heart, O God

Eddie Espinosa



Change my heart, O God, Make it ev-er true.

The first line of music is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody consists of two phrases. The first phrase has five notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The second phrase also has five notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. Both phrases end with a fermata over the final half note.

*Repeat 1st time*



Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

The second line of music is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody consists of two phrases. The first phrase has five notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The second phrase has five notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. Both phrases end with a fermata over the final half note.

You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay;

Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like You. You.

# Change My Heart, O God

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Change my heart, O God, Make it ev-er true.

The first line of music is written on a single staff in treble clef with a common time signature. It begins with a repeat sign. The melody consists of two phrases. The first phrase, "Change my heart, O God," is set to the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The second phrase, "Make it ev-er true," is set to the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The notes for "ev-er" and "true" are beamed together.

*Repeat 1st time*



Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

The second line of music is written on a single staff in treble clef with a common time signature. It begins with a repeat sign. The melody consists of two phrases. The first phrase, "Change my heart, O God," is set to the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The second phrase, "May I be like You," is set to the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The notes for "You" and the final note are beamed together.

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Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ev - er true.

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# Transformation

Rom. 12:1-8

Living Sacrifices

Rom. 12:1-5

Spiritual Gifts

Rom. 12:6-8





“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship..”

Romans 12:1



# Transformation—The Christian Life

The “why”—motivation: God’s great mercy

The “how”—method: living sacrifice



# A Living Sacrifice:

- Involves a daily dying to self
- Is holy—quality
- Pleasing to God—result
- Your “rational service”



“Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Romans 12:2



DO NOT: be conformed (be pressed into a mold)

BUT

DO: be transformed (changed from within)



DO NOT: be conformed (be pressed into a mold)

BUT

DO: be transformed (changed from within)

HOW?

By the renewing of your mind!



DO NOT: think more highly of yourself than you ought

BUT

DO: think of yourself with sober judgment



# Applications

- Memorize and meditate on Romans 12:1-2
- Am I “all in” for Christ or does He get my left-overs?
- In what areas of my life am I compromising; what sin is starting to look normal? How can my mind be renewed in that area?
- With what am I feeding my mind?





# Spiritual Gifts—Romans 12:5-8

gift = *charisma*

grace = *charis*

Represent Christ's ministry

(fruit of the spirit represent Christ personality)

Every believer has at least one.

No one believer has all.

Given for the benefit of the body of Christ.



# How to discover your spiritual gift?

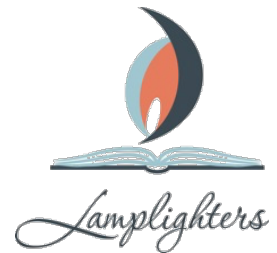
- spiritual gifts “test” (can’t fail!)
- [http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF\\_PDF\\_Discover\\_Your\\_Spiritual\\_Gifts.pdf](http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_PDF_Discover_Your_Spiritual_Gifts.pdf)
- Self-examination
- The body of Christ
- Scripture
- Experience



*“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”*

Frederick Buechner

What’s your spiritual gift? How are you using it for God’s kingdom?









“...Christ in us, our hope of glory.”

Col. 1:27

