

**April 5, 2020
Living Above
Romans 12:1-2**

Romans 8:9

The practical application of living as a Christian is revealed in these two verses:

- In view of God's _____ Romans 12:1
- _____ in an act of worship Romans 12:1
- _____ of a growing holiness Romans 12:1
- _____ being swallowed up by our world Romans 12:2
- _____ in the _____ in the love of Christ
Romans 12:2
- The _____ will reveal your _____ Romans 12:2

Remember Jesus' challenge: "Where is your faith?" Luke 8:25

Application: Roman culture withered and died over five basic reasons

- The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society
- Higher and Higher taxes: the spending of public money for free bread
- The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and consuming
- The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within—the decay of individual responsibility
- The decay of religion; faith fading to mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people

Nations progress through this process:

From Bondage to Spiritual faith

Spiritual faith to Great courage

Courage to Liberty

Liberty to Abundance

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