



## “Overcome Evil With Good” – Romans 12:21 (Part 2)

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. This could be an unlimited exhortation that applies to our battle against evil in general, but Paul more likely intends it to sum up his teaching about personal revenge in this paragraph.

‘Do not be conquered by evil,’ or ‘Do not let evil gain the victory over you,’ means ‘Do not give in to the temptation to get even with your tormenter. Do not seek personal revenge.’ Evil (lit., ‘the evil’) is not ‘the evil person,’ or the enemy himself. Rather, it refers to moral evil as a power that seeks to overcome us. We allow the power of evil to conquer us when we resort to acts of personal revenge...

To ‘overcome evil with good’ means first to resist the temptation to retaliate in kind against one who has wronged us, and then to respond with acts of kindness instead. When we do this, we win the victory not only over the evil done against us by the enemy, but also over the evil we are tempted to do in retaliation.” (The College Press NIV Commentary – Romans Volume 2)

“As children of God, we must live on the highest level—returning good for evil. Anyone can return good for good and evil for evil. The only way to overcome evil is with good. If we return evil for evil, we only add fuel to the fire. And even if our enemy is not converted, we have still experienced the love of God in our own hearts and have grown in grace.” (The Bible Exposition Commentary – New Testament, Volume 1)

“Our text closes with: ‘Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good’ (Romans 12:21). George MacDonald put it this way: ‘The dull world has gotten the wrong phrase, it is he who resents an affront who pockets it; he who takes no note of it lets it lie in the dirt.’ Love in the Church and love in the world go together. They are the demands of commitment. Our minds have been renewed. Our lives have been transformed. And the Holy Spirit can do all this through us.” (Preaching the Word – Romans: Righteousness from Heaven)

“Do not give in to your desire to take revenge or retaliate with evil; instead, act in a positive way. Paul comes full circle back to his point of verse 9. To hate evil is to overcome it with good. When we hang on for dear life to those things that are good and to God, we will be overcoming evil. All of this will be accomplished to the degree that we allow God to create in us sincere love.”

**LIFE APPLICATION – FORGIVENESS:** “When someone hurts you deeply, instead of giving him what he deserves, Paul says to befriend him. Why does Paul tell us to forgive our enemies? (1) Forgiveness may break a cycle of retaliation and lead to mutual reconciliation. (2) It may make the enemy feel ashamed and change his or her ways. (3) In contrast, repaying evil for evil hurts you just as much as it hurts your enemy. Even if your enemy never repents, forgiving him or her will free you of a heavy load of bitterness.” (Life Application Bible Commentary – Romans) *(continued next week)*

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

##### SUNDAY

Bible School ..... 9:45 AM  
Worship ..... 11:00 AM  
Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
Spanish Worship..... 3:00 PM

##### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

##### ELDERS

Peter Dwomoh  
Steve Gill  
Marvin Johnson  
Jean Volcy

##### DEACONS

Kwabena Akuoko  
Jonathan Braga  
Ed Brown  
Gerald Ellis  
Moises Velasco

##### EVANGELISTS

###### ENGLISH

Max Craddock  
Marlon Molina

###### SPANISH

Santiago Molina

He will REIGN forever and EVER

Revelation 11:15, NRSV



THURSDAYS 7:30 a.m.  
The Grace TV  
Rogers - Channel 241  
Star Choice - Channel 399

FRIDAYS 8:30 a.m.  
The Vision Network  
Rogers - Channel 60  
Star Choice - Channel 394  
Bell ExpressVu - Channel 65



Welcome to our worship today

Welcome everyone on this beautiful Lord's day! It has been a great week in the Lord as new souls were added to His kingdom! May our worship bring honour and glory to His name. To our visitors, we invite you to come and visit with us again soon.

**SPEAKERS TODAY:**



**Max** is giving us the lessons this morning and at the evening worship service at 6.

**STATS FOR LAST WEEK:**

Sunday AM/PM : 211/26  
Bible Study: 60  
Wednesday: 26

**Contributions :**

Offering: \$ 3,770.80  
Key: \$ 110.00  
Missions: \$ 25.00



Serving Schedule

**January 15, 2012**

**PRESIDER:** .....Nathan B  
**PRAYER:** ..... Santos M  
**READER:** .....Liong T  
**CLOSING PRAYER:** .....Bonifacio P  
**SONG LEADER:** ..... Im V

**Passing emblems for January:**

Leo R, Kwabena A, Bonifacio P, Gyimah D,  
Jessie S

**Kitchen Duty Team for January:**

Linda R, Carol W & Olga Y



**Next Key Filming:** This coming Friday , January 13th at 6:15pm. Helpers are needed and appreciated .

Sympathy to **Henry McClure and family** at the passing of his brother, **Gordon**, this past week in Vancouver. May God bless and comfort them during this time of sorrow.



**Two reasons to rejoice:** Last Sunday morning, **Joeffre Braga** responded to the Lord's invitation and was baptized into Christ and added to the Lord's Church here at Strathmore.

On Friday afternoon, **Junnifer Villanueva** was also added to the Lord's Church upon her baptism into Christ. We are thankful for these two and their decision to put off sin and put on Christ. May God bless them daily and may we, as their family, encourage them in their new relationship.

**Congratulations! Merlinchita Noque** was married to **Martin Poisson**



yesterday at a civil wedding ceremony. Their wedding reception was held here at the building. May God bless them with long happy marriage as they start their life together.



**Reminder:** Ladies class this coming Saturday, Jan 14 beginning at noon.



Have You Heard?

**Ovi Todor** is working toward becoming a member of the RCMP. He wrote, "After passing a 53-minute telephone interview on November 30th, today I received THE CALL from the RCMP. My panel interview is scheduled at the main RCMP detachment in Vancouver next Thursday, January 12th @ 9am. The interview (or interrogation, from what I am told) will take several hours." Your prayers for him as he goes through this "interrogation" will be appreciated.

**The 6th annual 20s Week-end in Waterloo** this coming weekend - January 13 - 15, 2012 - for post high school young people age & early 30s. Theme: Lessons from Luke" with Greg Whitfield as the guest speaker. In addition on Saturday night Bruce Kuhn's stage play, "Luke" will be presented at the University of Waterloo. Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door and are available by calling Uof W box office - 519-888-4908. See poster on bulletin board.



**Two events at Great Lakes Christian High School - Thursday, January 12 at 6 pm, is an Open House.** This provides a great opportunity to visit the campus and see the facilities at the school. Then on Tuesday, **February 14 is a Shadow Day** when students are invited to attend classes in the morning, enjoy lunch and an all school activity in the afternoon. See the bulletin board up stairs for details.



**Andy, Ada's brother** still having health problems + **Alvin, Marvin's brother** is

dealing with some health issues at this time + **Elsie Velasco**, is doing well after her oral surgery this past week + **Ching Ang**, undergoing medical tests + **Wil Maddeaux**, having treatments re: brain tumour + **Gordon Hobbs, brother of Mildred Johnson**, out of ICU making good progress + **Dina Voutselas**, Retchie's mother-in-law, began treatments for colon cancer + **Myra dela Rosa**, a friend and neighbour of the Braga's, is undergoing treatments for cancer while caring for her eight-month old son + **Fred Whittington** of Bramalea congregation is having medical problems at present + **Mavis Stonefield + Blanche Maddeaux + Mac Porter**, of the Oshawa congregation, is improving slowly from his surgery + **Evan Whittington**, of the Bramalea congregation, is undergoing chemotherapy + **Pat & Bernie Coleman + Daphne Pegg + Aida Estrella**, who recently completed cancer treatments + **Rigoberto Flores + Jilisa**, daughter of Stephanie Frontin-Eirik, is having health issues + **Florentina Valenzuela + Daisy Verceles**, mother of Joanne Untalasco, + **Hildebrando Rodriguez + Jenn**, a friend of Julia + **Ellen David + Deirdre Etienne's mother + Miram's family + Pranvera Bimbli**, and her daughter, **Linda Laurasi**