**‘God’s Glorious Gospel: The Righteousness God Requires’ Message #77 – ‘Renovation #3’**

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**Text: Rom. 12:6-9**

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