

A Living Sacrifice: “The Great Therefore”

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Paul's three core purposes in the book of Romans

- To clarify the good news of the Gospel
- To unify the Church
- To prove God's righteousness

Paul's pivot from theology to application

Our reasonable response to God's mercies

What is off-limits in our life?

Three levels that a Christian might live their life

- The sensual level
- The soulish level
- The spiritual level

Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold

- 1 John 2:15-16
- 2 Corinthians 4:4

Live a life of total consecration to experience a three-fold change

- Morally
- Mentally
- Motivationally

What does God want from us?

- He wants people who love God and love each other (Mark 12:29-31)
- He wants people who actively care for the poor and needy (James 1:27)
- He wants people who willingly deny their own selfish desires (Matthew 16:224)
- He wants people who think deeply and base their lives on the Word of God (John 15:4&8)

Our joy level matters immensely to God!