

Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

A LIVING SACRIFICE

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Romans 12:1-2

(1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye prove what is that good and perfect, will of God.

Teaching Purpose

Answers the question, "How should I understand this verse?" Is the passage dealing with a:

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<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim?	<u>Example</u> to follow?	<u>Command</u> to obey?	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the question, “What’s in it, or what’s the take away for me?”

- 1) **Language**.....matters!
Context.....matters!
Words.....matter!

2) **R/ R/ NF**

THE MERCIES OF GOD

- a) **GOD** met our desperate **NEED** to **Get Right with HIM**.
 - b) **GOD** provided the **POWER** to be Set Free from the Bondage of Sin in this Life ... and He Gives US **Eternal Life**.
 - c) **GOD** has given US the most **Glorious Purpose in Life** “Proclaiming the **GOOD NEWS** of **GOD’S SON** which is **How** to be set free from **Sin and Death** to **Eternal Life**.”
- 3) In Light of these **Mercies** (what **GOD** has done for US), We are to Totally Devote Ourselves to **GOD**
 - a) for HIS **GLORY** and
 - b) for Our **GOOD**
 - 4) In Light of these **Mercies**...
We should “**LIVE**” our “**LIVES**” “**Day to Day**” and “**Day by Day**” as **Sacrifices...Living Sacrifices** before **THE LORD!**

5) What Does That Look Like ... You Ask?

Answer: **We** should **Present / Offer / Yield** our **BODIES** as **Living Sacrifices**... **HOLY** and
ACCEPTABLE to **GOD!**

6) **BODY** ... **Literally** and Physically meaning Physical **BODY!**

- a) Before we trusted **The LORD Jesus Christ**, we used our **BODIES** for sinful “fleshly” pleasures and purposes (Romans 6:12-13).
- b) But **NOW** that we belong to **The LORD Jesus Christ**, we want / we ought to use our **BODIES** for **HIS GLORY!**
- c) Our **BODIES** are the **Temple of GOD** (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- d) The **SPIRIT OF GOD** “dwells” within **YOU and Me** (Romans 8:9).

7) **BODY** ... **Symbolically** and Figuratively meaning

- a) Representative of all the **members of The BODY** and “by **Extension**” the Entirety of our **LIVES**.
- b) Representing the Totality of our **LIVES and Activities** because **The BODY** is the Vehicle of Expression for our Lives and Activities.

8) **Think About It!**

It is our **Privilege** to Glorify Christ and Magnify Christ in our **BODIES** (Philippians 1:20-21).

9) **WTPT? HTPP!**

The **LIVING SACRIFICE** which we are to offer Our **LORD** (who died for US) is

a) the willingness to surrender ALL of our HOPES to HIM

b) the willingness to surrender ALL of our PLANS to HIM

c) the willingness to surrender EVERYTHING that is PRECIOUS to us...

EVERYTHING of human IMPORTANCE to us...

EVERYTHING that is LIFE FULFILLING to us...

TO HIM!

10) Our **LORD Jesus Christ** is the "PERFECT EXAMPLE" of a "LIVING SACRIFICE"!

11) Our **LORD Jesus Christ** DIED for US and **HE AROSE AGAIN** and is **ALIVE TODAY IN HEAVEN...functioning**
as Our HIGH PRIEST (Hebrews 4:14-16) and Our ADVOCATE (1 John 2:1).

ACTION POINT!!

Having heard and understood this teaching, answers the question,
What should I do?

LIVE LIKE IT!

There is **Only One** Right Response to the Truth that has been taught... in your hearing TODAY

WORSHIP HIM (Definition)

- Respond to Him **with** ALL that you are

Mind/**Emotions**/Will/Body **to** ALL that GOD is/**says**/does!

Which Looks Like... Submit to HIM!

Yield to HIM!

Align yourself with HIM!

Line Up under HIM!

Build your LIFE UPON HIM!

Build your LIFE AROUND HIM!

Center your LIFE IN HIM!

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*The **GREATEST** Expression of **WORSHIP** is*

*The **SMALLEST** act of **OBEDIENCE!***

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John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

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