

# **The Christian's Reasonable Service**

**Romans 12:1-2**

Introduction:

- A. A Christian's reasonable service is more than church membership and regular attendance.
- B. A Christian's reasonable service includes several fundamental attitudes.

Discussion

## **I. The Right Attitude Toward God.**

- A. A desire to be acceptable unto God (v. 1)
  - 1. Reflected by holiness.
  - 2. Reflected by sacrifice (Total surrender)
- B. A transformed mind attuned to the will of God (v. 2).
  - 1. Reflected by non-conformity to world.
  - 2. Reflected by transformation of life.
- C. Fervent and happy service (vv. 11-12)

## **II. The Right Attitude Toward Self.**

- A. Not think too highly of self (v. 3-8)
  - 1. No right to flaunt any ability God gives.
  - 2. No right to disregard any ability God gives.
  - 3. Need "team spirit" in church.
- B. Neither conceited (v. 16) nor too timid (cf. Matt. 23:23).

## **III. The Right Attitude Toward Others.**

- A. Sincere and impartial love of brethren (v. 9).
  - 1. Abhors evil and loves good in brethren.
  - 2. Kind affection (v. 10).
  - 3. Prefer they be honored over self (v. 10).
  - 4. Benevolence and hospitality (13).
- B. Rejoice and weep with others (v. 15).
- C. Desire peace with all men (v. 18).
  - 1. Bless persecutors (v. 14).
  - 2. Avoid retaliation (v. 17-21)
  - 3. Leave vengeance to God (v. 19; cf. 13:4).

Conclusion:

- A. Present you body a living sacrifice today — obey the gospel.
- B. Fulfill your reasonable service day by day.