

Our Sacrifice and Service to God

Rom. 12:1-2

Introduction:

- A. The first eleven chapters of Romans emphasizes the “mercies of God”
 - 1. “Grace” (21 times) (See 3:24; 4:4; 5:2, 15-21).
 - 2. “Mercy” (10 times) (See 9:15-23; 11:30-32)
- B. Paul appeals for action required by the “mercies of God” (text).
 - 1. It demands a life of sacrifice and service to God.
 - 2. Our service and sacrifice has some basic requirements:

Discussion:

I. Acceptability to God.

- A. Emphasized twice in our text.
- B. Emphasized in other passages (Rom. 14:18; Phil. 4:18; 1 Tim. 2:3; 5:4; 1 Pet. 2:5)
- C. It matters little to whom it acceptable, if not to God.
 - 1. May be acceptable to ourselves.
 - 2. May be acceptable to family.
 - 3. May be acceptable to society.
 - 4. May be acceptable to church.

II. Completeness of Dedication.

- A. Both body and mind dedicated to His service.
 - 1. Sacrificed **body** and renewed **mind** (text).
 - 2. Glorify God in body and spirit (1 Cor. 6:20).
- B. A spiritual mind is essential to spiritual life (Rom. 8:5-7)
- C. Our bodies must be holy sacrifices to God.
 - 1. The body must not be used to commit immorality (1 Cor. 6:13-18).
 - 2. The body must not be used to promote immorality (Lasciviousness).
 - 3. They body must be an instrument of righteousness and holiness (Rom. 6:12-14)

III. Transformation of Life.

- A. Transformed life is a changed life (cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
 - 1. Transformation is metamorphous (Greek)
 - 2. The renewed mind of a Christian will produce a profound change.
- B. Transformed life is not conformed to the world (v. 2).
 - 1. World is not longer the pattern for life.
 - 2. The Lord, through His word, sets the standard of all facets of life.
 - a. Conduct (Phil. 1:17)
 - b. Speech (Eph. 4:29).
 - c. Dress (1 Tim. 2:9).

Conclusion:

- A. Are you presenting your body to God?
- B. Are you renewing your mind to do God’s will?
- C. Why start now by obeying the gospel of Christ?