

# Romans 12:1

## Your Presentation

### 1. Moving Forward

- a. Rom 8:38-39 – “I am persuaded... [nothing] separates us from the love of God...”
- b. Rom 9-11 – ‘What of Israel? They were promised God’s love and they failed to get it.’
- c. God is faithful to his word, giving mercy to all now, to give mercy to Israel in their return.
- d. After the heights of Rom 8, and the depths of Rom 11:33, we get some practical instruction
- e. Paul moves from our salvation (1-8), and Israel’s salvation (9-11), to our service (12-16)

### 2. 12:1 – By the Mercies of God

- a. “*I beseech*” – to call upon or beg; an appeal to brothers, not subordinates.
- b. “*by the mercies of God*” – Upon all for salvation Rom 11:32, Eph 2:4, Titus 3:5, 1Tim 1:16
- c. Under grace, by God’s mercies, through faith, salvation comes first then service/behavior.
- d. Motivation for good behavior under grace comes from a changed heart, not a forced hand.
- e. Our ministry/service is not to ourselves, but God’s mercy for Christ’s sake - 2 Cor 4:1, 5

### 3. Your Presentation

- a. “*ye present*” - The way you present yourself matters! Rom 6:13-19, Col 1:28, Eph 5:27
- b. Your presentation concerns behavior becoming, shewing, adorning the doctrine - Ti 2:1-12
- c. “*your bodies*” - The part of you that is seen, through which you act and behave.
- d. Your body was purchased (1 Cor 6:13, 15, 19-20) to present to the Lord (1 Thess 5:23), to prove, and perform God’s perfect will – Rom 12:2, 1 Tim 2:4, 1 Thess 4:3-7

### 4. A Living Sacrifice

- a. “*a living sacrifice*” – A sacrifice is dead, the only sacrifice that still lives is Christ – Rom 4:25
- b. You are to be presented as dead in Christ yet alive - Rom 6:3-11, 8:11, Gal 2:20
- c. The life of Jesus is made manifest in your body in suffering/service - 2Co 4:10-11, 12:9-10
- d. “*holy, acceptable unto God*” which you are neither, w/o Christ in you – Col 1:22, 3:10-12
- e. Living as the new man in Christ proves what is acceptable - Eph 1:4-6, 4:24, 5:2, 5:7-10

### 5. Your Reasonable Service

- a. “*reasonable*” - The ‘exchanged’ ‘crucified’ ‘resurrected’ life is logical since Christ is our life
- b. It has already been reasoned back in Rom 6-8 – see also 2 Cor 5:14-15, Col 3:1-4
- c. “*which is your service*” – that is to present ourselves in Christ, live with the mind of Christ.
- d. This service requires thought, consideration, mind, understanding, faith (unlike the law)