

Romans 12:1-2 A Living Sacrifice

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I - Recap Romans Chapters 1-11

Paul teaches core doctrine/beliefs to unify a new, multi-ethnic church.

Key points:

- Everyone falls short of being good enough, including Israel
- It is only by faith in Jesus, His death and resurrection as the Messiah, that we are justified (made right with God).
- That Jesus fulfilled the law and following Him means leaving the old life and entering a new life in Christ Jesus.
- Through God's mercy, He will fulfill His promises.

Romans 12:1 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (NIV)

II - Romans 11:33-36... THEREFORE Romans 12:1

1. Therefore, in view of God's mercy!
2. In gratitude, offer your body as a LIVING sacrifice.
3. Chapter 6:11-13 mirrors Chapter 12:1-2.
4. This is your {spiritual} worship: offering your whole self.

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)

III - Romans 12:2

1. Do not conform to the (evil systems) of this world.
2. Be transformed, not conformed - 2 Peter 1:3-9
3. Practice the renewing of your mind.
 - Journal Exercise: Lies > Truth > Action > Transformation
 - Tool: Spiritual Formation - practicingtheway.org
4. Discernment reveals God's will.