

Romans

A Living Sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2)

Read: A Living Sacrifice (12:1-2)

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Explain: A Living Sacrifice (12:1-2)

What do the words mean?

1 I appeal [present active indicative; call near, invite, invoke, beseech, call for, comfort, desire, exhort, intreat, pray] **to you therefore, brothers, by** [*dia*] **the mercies** [pity, mercy] **of God, to present** [aorist active infinitive; stand beside, exhibit, proffer, recommend, substantiate, be at hand, aid; same word used in [Romans 6:13](#) (twice), [16, 19](#) (twice)] **your bodies as a living** [present active participle] **sacrifice** [sacrifice (the act or the victim)], **holy** [sacred, pure, consecrated, holy, saint; same word used in [Romans 1:2, 7; 5:5; 7:12; 8:27; 9:1; 11:16](#)] **and acceptable** [fully agreeable, acceptable, well pleasing] **to God, which is your spiritual** [*logikos*; rational, reasonable, of the word] **worship** [ministration, worship, divine service; same word used in [Romans 9:4](#)]. **2 Do not be conformed** [*syschematizo*; present active imperative; to fashion alike, conform to the same pattern, conform to, fashion self according to] **to this world** [*aion*], **but be transformed** [*metamorphoo*; present middle imperative; transformed, changed, transfigured] **by the renewal** [renovation, renewing] **of your mind** [mind, understanding; same word used in [Romans 1:28; 7:23, 25; 11:34](#)], **that by testing** [note: 'that by testing' does not appear to be in the Greek manuscripts the ESV is based upon—it is perhaps a further definition/expansion of the word for discern/prove] **you may discern** [present active infinitive; test, approve, allow, discern, examine, like, prove, try; same word used in [Romans 1:28; 2:18](#)] **what is the will** [determination, choice, purpose, decree, volition, inclination, desire, pleasure, will; same word used in [Romans 1:10; 2:18](#)] **of God, what is good** [good, beneficial] **and acceptable** [fully agreeable, acceptable, well pleasing; same word used in [Romans 12:1](#)] **and perfect** [complete, completeness, of full age, man, perfect].

Apply (What is the point?)

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

Next week: Gifts of Grace (12:3-8)

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, **5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. **6** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; **7** if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; **8** the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: [Romans](#) (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS
- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read ([Romans](#))
- Talk (about [Romans](#)—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to jim314@yahoo.com by Wed)