

ROMANS



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Four “Therefore”s of Romans

- Romans 3:20 *“Therefore we conclude that a man cannot be justified by the works of the law”*
- Romans 5:1 *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we ^[a] have peace with God”*
- Romans 8:1 *“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”*
- Romans 12:1 (today’s text)

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Application

- Narratives are powerful!
- Keep God's narrative—his mercy—in view at all times. Let it shape you.
- Choose to be a living sacrifice each morning. Jesus is worth it!

Small Group Questions

- What are the narratives that your favorite media are promoting (good and bad)?
- Where do you feel most tempted to cave to culture's narrative? Why do you think that is?
- Does Christ's sacrifice on your behalf make you want to give preference to his Word more than your own/the culture's?

