

Romans: The Power of the Gospel (The Gospel Unites)
Living Sacrifice
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Romans 12

Malachi 1:6

Romans 12:1-2

“Having discussed the Principles of the Gospel and the Problems of the Gospel, Paul now begins to deal with the Practice of the Gospel.”

-John Phillips

Doctrine to Duties
Learning to Living

After the “set up” of, “In view of God’s mercy,” Paul gives two imperatives:

1. **Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.**

This is both comforting and troubling.

Living sacrifice: This will be ongoing.
Holy sacrifice
Pleasing sacrifice

2. **Do not conform, but be transformed.**

Romans 1:22-29

The Good News and the Bad News.

- a. The degrading of bodies. (v.24)
- b. The worship of a lie. (v.25)
- c. A depraved mind. (v.28)

Gospel Unites

- Honor one another above yourselves.
- Keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
- Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- Share with those in need.
- Practice hospitality.
- Bless those who persecute you.
- Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
- Associate with those of low position.
- Live at peace with everyone.
- Do not take revenge – rather, if your enemies are hungry, feed them.
- Do not be overcome by evil, overcome evil with good.