

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Reasonable Worship

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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What does it look like for us to give our lives to Christ in worship?

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Big Idea: Dedicate all of yourself to God as a living sacrifice.

1) What does it mean to be a living sacrifice? v. 1

- To be a sacrifice means to be given entirely to God.
- Worship is a way of life - not just a weekly religious experience.

Romans 12:1 (MSG) "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him."

- To be a living sacrifice is to give ourselves completely to God as a way of life.

2) How do we become a living sacrifice? v. 2

- **Don't conform to worldly values.** "Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world..."
- **Let God transform you into Christ-likeness.** "...but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."

3) Why would we want to be a living sacrifice?

- **To praise God for His grace.**

v. 1 "And so...because of all he has done for you" or "therefore...in view of God's mercies" (NIV)

v. 1 "This is truly the way to worship him." or "This is your reasonable act of worship" (Mounce)

Hebrews 10:11-14 (NLT) Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. ¹² But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honour at God's right hand. ¹³ There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. ¹⁴ For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

The only reasonable response to God's grace is to give our whole selves to Him.

- To please God with His grace.

v. 2 "...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Romans 12:2 (MSG) "Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

Action Steps:

- Surrender "all" to the loving leadership of Jesus.
- Commit to "renewing your mind" personally and corporately.
- Bless those who sacrifice for us. **Missional Challenge:** Bless 1st responders (Police, Fire, Military).



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- 2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?
- 3) What do you think of when you think of the concept of “sacrifice”?
- 4) Read Romans 12:1-2. How does Paul contrast the idea of animal sacrifice like we see in the Old Testament with being a “living sacrifice” as God’s people? What are the benefits and the challenges to being a “living sacrifice”?
- 5) What are the implications for us that a sacrifice is to be “given entirely to God”? How does this change the way we live as people? What is the thing that holds you back most from surrendering completely to God?
- 6) Read Romans 12:2. What does it mean to “conform to the values of the world”? Where do we see this in our lives and in our church family?
- 7) In what way does “renewing our mind” lead to Christ-likeness? How can you prioritize “renewing your mind” personally and corporately this week?
- 8) Read Hebrews 10:11-14. How does this truth provide the motivation and the means for us to become “living sacrifices” for God? What is God saying to you?
- 9) In what ways do you need to surrender to Christ’s loving leadership? What will be the result of this step of faith according to Romans 12:2?

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