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**ROMANS**



# Romans 12:1 NASB

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Therefore= what is the therefore, therefore?



# Paul's Therefore

Based upon all that I have written to you so far in this letter, everyone is bound under sin. Justification is by faith not by works. Everyone inherits sin through Adam, but in Christ are made alive. We died and arose with Christ, so the law is no longer our regulating principle. Sanctification is through the Holy Spirit and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. The Gentiles have been incorporated into God's plan for Israel. God is sovereign in all he does and his future plan for Israel still stands. So based upon all of this I urge you!



# Romans 11:33-36 NIV

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

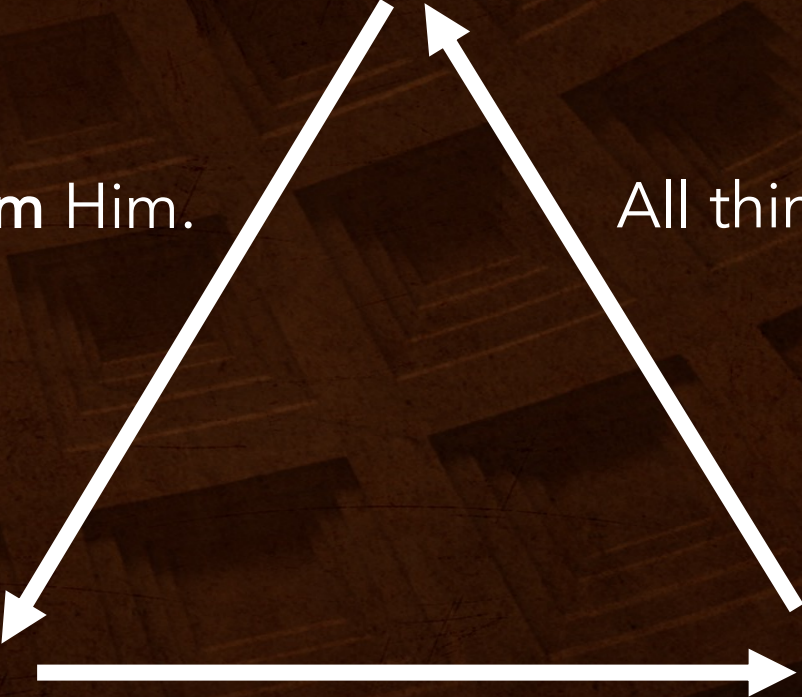


God

All things **from** Him.

All things **to** Him.

All things **thru** Him.





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Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice.

- We should respond with a sacrifice.
- We sacrifice because he sacrificed.
- Sacrificing is worshiping.



# 1. Present

- Paristemi
- To lay before; to entrust; to commit to the control of
- Transfer of ownership
- This is the foundation of a full & complete Christian life.



# 1. Present

- Saw it in Romans 6:19, regarding initial salvation.
- Let the presenting be finished (let it be complete).
- Motivated by fear & self-interest.
- This time it's out of love & gratitude.



## 2. Bodies

- We are called to glorify God with our whole being.
- 1 Cor. 6:20 – “For you are dearly bought. Therefore, glorify God in your bodies and in your spirits, for they are God’s.”
- “Ministry that costs nothing, accomplishes nothing.”  
John Jowett



# 3. Living

- Living sacrifice
- God doesn't call us to **die** for Him. He calls us to **live** for Him.
- Not a 1-time thing.
- You go on presenting it day-by-day, and hour-by-hour, and you never stop.



# 4. Holy

- Sacrifices were to be without any blemish.
- Present your body without blemish (spotless) to God.
- Acceptable to God
- Sweet Smelling Savor



# Ephesians 5:1-2 NKJV

Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.



# Romans 12:2 NASB

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.



# World Conformity

- Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mold.
- New creations

Ephesians 4:23-24

Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man, which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.



# Charles Spurgeon

“As the salt flavors every drop in the Atlantic, so does sin affect every atom of our nature. It is so sadly there, so abundantly there, that if you cannot detect it, you are deceived.”



# But be Transformed

- Once you are born again, your job is to change the way you see yourself.
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- Eph. 4:23-24 – “Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man, which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”



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# Romans 12:6-8 NASB

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.



# Romans 12:9-13 NASB

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.



# Romans 12:14-16, 21 NASB

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.





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