

#### Romans

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# **A Living Sacrifice**

# Romans 12:1

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a LIVING SACRIFICE, holy and pleasing to God -this is your true and proper worship."

### In view of Gods mercy

## Ephesians 2:1-2 & 7

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world... in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his GRACE, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

### "Present" "Your body"

### 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

"Do you not know that YOUR BODIES are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."

But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

Do you not know that YOUR BODIES are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with YOUR BODIES."

# "Living Sacrifice" "...Holy and pleasing"

# Romans 1:7

"To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his HOLY people:"

### I Corinthians 1:2

"To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his HOLY people..."

## Ephesians 3:17-18

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's HOLY people."

## **Ephesians 5:3**

"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's HOLY people."

## Colossians 1:21-23

"and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but HOLY and blameless."

## Romans 12:12

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction (suffering or trials), faithful (constant) in prayer."

## John 16:33

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth **you will have** many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

### Philippians 4:19

"And my God will meet **all your needs** according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

# Romans 5:3-4

"We can **rejoice**, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us **develop endurance**. And endurance **develops strength of character**, and character strengthens our **confident hope of salvation**."

# Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world..."

# I Corinthians 15:33

"Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning..."

### Psalm 1:1-3

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither whatever they do prospers."

#### Romans 12:2

"...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

### Psalm 37:4

"Delight yourself in the Lord. And He will give you the desires of your heart."

### -Not he will give your what you want...but he will give you desires in your heart.

### Joshua 1:7-8

"Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; MEDITATE on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

### Philippians 4:8-9

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

### Romans 12:2

"...Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

### 1. Gods' will is always GOOD

### Romans 8:28

"God works all things together for good ... "

### 2. Gods' will is always PLEASING. (Acceptable) to God

### Psalm 119:11

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

### **Recognizing sin**

### 2 Timothy 4:3

"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."

## 3. Gods' will is PERFECT

### Isaiah 55:8-9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

### Romans 13:8

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for **whoever loves others has fulfilled the law**."

#### John 13:34-35

"A **new command** I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you**, so you must love one another. **By this** everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."