

Romans 12

Living Sacrifices to God

**I beseech you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of
God, that you present your
bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable to God,
which is your reasonable
service.**

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**² And do not be conformed to
this world,
but be transformed by the
renewing of your mind,
that you may prove what *is* that
good and acceptable and
perfect will of God.**

1 Peter 2

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

What we give God reveals our heart!

Genesis 4

Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³ And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

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5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

6 So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?”

7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it.”

**Something given,
that is not valuable to the
giver,
is not a sincere sacrifice.**

Psalm 51:17

**The sacrifices of God *are* a broken
spirit, A broken and a contrite
heart— These, O God, You will not
despise.**

Proverbs 15

**8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an
abomination to the LORD,
But the prayer of the
upright *is* His delight.**

**9 The way of the wicked *is* an
abomination to the LORD,
But He loves him who follows
righteousness.**

Hebrews 13

15 Therefore by Him let us
**continually offer the sacrifice of
praise to God,**
that is, the fruit
of *our* lips, giving thanks to His
name.

16 But do not forget to do good
and to share, for with such
sacrifices God is well pleased.

"Focus on God"

Look at His gift to us

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³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Different functions united

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**4 For as we have many members
in one body,
but all the members do not have
the same function,
5 so we, *being* many, are one
body in Christ, and individually
members of one another.**

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Romans 1:5 Through Him we have received **grace** and apostleship for obedience to the **faith** among all nations for His name,...

Romans 4:16 Therefore *it is* of **faith** that *it might be* according to **grace**,...

Romans 5:2 through whom also we have access by **faith** into this **grace** in which we stand,

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let us use them:

if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith;

⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

How to love truly?

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⁹ *Let love be without hypocrisy.*

Abhor what is evil.

Cling to what is good.

¹⁰ *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;*

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**11 not lagging in diligence,
fervent in spirit,
serving the Lord;
12 rejoicing in hope,
patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly in
prayer;**

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13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

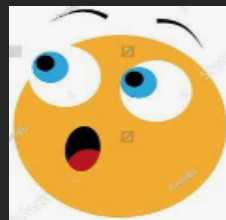
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

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16 Be of the same mind toward one another.

**Do not set your mind on high things (*worldly*),
but associate with the humble.**

Do not be wise in your own opinion.



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- 17 Repay no one evil for evil.
Have regard for good things in
the sight of all men.**
- 18 If it is possible, as much as
depends on you, live peaceably
with all men.**

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**19 Beloved, do not avenge
yourselves,
but *rather* give place to wrath;
for it is written,
“Vengeance *is* Mine,
I will repay,” says the Lord.**

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20 Therefore

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him a drink;

For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

