



SERMON SERIES: WORSHIP
SERMON TITLE: WORSHIP AS A
LIFESTYLE

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:1-2

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INTRODUCTION

- Paul is talking to believers in Romans 12:1-2, he is not speaking to non-believers. These two verses are the start of a dialogue that continues into chapter 13 about the believer and his or her daily behavior as Christians.

INTRODUCTION CONT'D

- The Christian believer is to be devoted to God. Realizing everything we are and has is to be dedicated to the worship and service of God.

UNDERSTANDING TRANSFORMATION

- Reading the bible will only give you information. God desires you to be transformed.
- Transformation only occurs when you stand in front of God's mirror and become a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God!!

SIX POINTS WE EXAMINE FROM OUR TEXT

ROMANS 12:1-2

- We discover “**Devotion is urged**” (vs. 1)
- We are to **present our bodies to God** (vs. 1)
- We are to be not conformed to this world vs.2
- We are to be transformed (vs. 2)
- We are to Renew our minds (vs. 2)
- We are to prove that good and acceptable will of **God vs.2**

LET'S EXAMINE THREE OF THESE POINTS TODAY

- **Devotion is strongly urged:** The word “therefore” in verse one of Romans chapters 12 launches a new subject for discussion. It connects what is about to be said to what has already been said in chapters 1 through 11.

DEVOTION IS URGED

- The word “ I beseech you” in the Greek is (parakaleo) it means to implore you, to urge you, I beg you-to devote yourselves to God. Note what is about to be said in this verse by Paul is to believers and not unbelievers.

WE ARE TO PRESENT OUR BODIES AS A “LIVING SACRIFICE”.

- The body is to be offered to God and to God alone. God demands the body, demands that it be presented to Him. God wants our life as believers to be sacrificially living for Him.

A LIVING SACRIFICE

- The offering of his body to be sacrificial. This is a picture of the Old Testament believers taking an animal and offering them to God as a sacrifice. However, there is a profound difference. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and we are to be righteous and Holy before God in our conduct & character.

A LIVING SACRIFICE MEANS AT LEAST FOUR THINGS

1. A living sacrifice means a consistent, a constant and continuous sacrifice, not just an occasional dedication of one's self on Sunday morning.

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- 2. A Living sacrifice means a sacrifice of a person's body where-ever the body is. A particular place is not needed.
- 3. A living sacrifice means that the body sacrifices its own desires and lives completely for God.

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- 4. A living sacrifice means that the body lives for God by “**serving God**”. *It means that the body sacrifices and gives up its own ambition and desires, and it serves God while upon this earth.*

WE ARE NOT TO “BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD.”

- The word “Conformed” in the Greek is (sunschematizo) and comes from the root word schema which means to fashion, the outward form, the outwardly appearance of a person. It actually means a person who changes from day to day and year to year.

SOME POINTS ABOUT THE FALLEN WORLD WE LIVE IN

- the world seems to be lasting, permanent, and unending. It seems to offer the very best of everything, pleasure, enjoyment, happiness, fulfillment and completeness. However, the fashion and appearance of the world is a lie, a mask, a masquerade. Even the very spirit of the world has within it the seed of corruption.

THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT SHALL PASS AWAY

- 1 Cor. 7:31 “The fashion of this world will pass away.” “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Cor. 4:18)

THE WORLD FINAL STATUS

- “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of person ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

THE WORLD FINAL STATUS CONT'D

- Nevertheless we, according to his promise. Look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells the righteous, wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless. (2 Peter 3:10-14; cp v. 3-14).