

## A LIVING SACRIFICE

Romans 12

## PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE

ROMANS 12:1-2

- Basis: The mercy we have received
- Nature: Living, holy, acceptable to God, rational (spiritual/reasonable) service
- Means: Transformation of mind and body
- Result: Good, acceptable, perfect will of God

## USE YOUR GIFTS TO SERVE THE CHURCH

ROMANS 12:3-8

- Guided by sober thinking and faith, 12:3
- A place of value and service for every Christian, 12:4-5
- Serve the body (church) in faith, 12:6-8

## LIVE A GENUINE LIFE

ROMANS 12:9-11

- Love without hypocrisy (pretense), 12:9 (Love does not wear a disguise)
  - Love what is good, 12:9
  - Love our brethren, 12:10
  - Love God, 12:11

## LIVE A CONSTANT AND CARING LIFE

ROMANS 12:12-14

- Act per need and context of the moment
  - Rejoice, patient, always praying, 12:12
  - Hope anchors us, Romans 5:2-5; Hebrews 6:17-20
  - Steadfast prayer acknowledges God
- Love brethren and strangers, 12:13
  - Be a blessing to all, 12:14 (Luke 6:35-36)

## LIVE AN EMPATHETIC LIFE

ROMANS 12:15-16

- Share joys and sorrows of others, 12:15
  - Sympathy: "feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else's misfortune"
  - Empathy: "the ability to understand and share the feelings of another" (I Corinthians 12:26)

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ROMANS 12:15-16

- Why and How? Of the same mind, 12:16
- Knit together (Ephesians 4:15-16; I Corinthians 1:10)
- Serve without complaints, contentions, and conflicts that discourage/destroy (Galatians 5:13-15)
- Void of personal ambition, with humility, and deference (Philippians 2:3-4)

## LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE

ROMANS 12:17-21

- Do not be vengeful and vindictive, 12:17, 19 (Matthew 5:38-39)
- Value good things, live honorably and peacefully, 12:17-18
- Submit to the Lord's power and justice, 12:19
- Overcome evil with good, 12:20-21

## A Living Sacrifice

(Galatians 2:20)

- Genuine
- Constant and caring
- Empathetic and Encouraging
- Peaceful

## "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

Acts 16:30

### ► Hear the Word of God

► James 1:21 – "Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

### ► Believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world

► Romans 10:11 – "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame."

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### ► Repent of your sins

► Acts 3:19 – "**Repent** ye therefore, and turn again, **that your sins may be blotted out** ..."

### ► Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

► Romans 10:10 – "... for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and **with the mouth confession is made** unto salvation."

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Acts 16:30

### ► Be immersed in water (baptized)

► Acts 2:38 – "And Peter (said) unto them, **Repent** ye, and **be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

### ► Remain faithful

► I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "... 2 by which also ye are saved, **if ye hold fast the word** which I preached unto you, **except ye believed in vain.**"