

“You Put Your Whole Self In”

*Acceptable Worship in
Romans 12:1*

Romans

- I. Condemnation 1:18-3:20
- II. Salvation 3:21-8:39
- III. Vindication 9:1-11:36
- IV. Exhortation 12:1-15:33

“How should a saved man live?”

“Be transformed!” **Romans 12:2**

Three Main Ideas in Romans 12

1. Consecration (1-2)
Attitude toward God
2. Humility (3-8)
Attitude toward self
3. Love (9-21)
Attitude toward others

Vital Principle

The key to spiritual victory and happiness is not in trying to get all we can from God, but in *giving all* that we are and have to Him.

John 4:23-24

How Much Can I Give?

Colossians 2:3, 10;

Ephesians 1:3;

2 Peter 1:3;

1 John 2:27;

Luke 14:25-33

“Urge” or “Beseech”

“urge” = “to call alongside of to help”

Used as name for Holy Spirit
The Comforter, The Helper

Philemon 8-9

“Therefore”

Used 3x in Romans – 5:1; 8:1; 12:1

Pointing back to chapters 1-11

Especially pointing back to 11:33-36

“Brethren”

The audience is Christian

Salvation must come before service.

1 Corinthians 2:14; 13:3; Romans 8:8

“Mercies of God”

Mercies of chapters 1-11

From the word “pity, compassion”

Meaning they are undeserved

“by” = our motivation, reason

“Present”

= technical term for OT priest placing offering on the altar facing the Most Holy Place; surrendering or yielding

Christians are to give their “body”
The **WHOLE** self to God (**living**)

“Living”

Christianity doesn't require a
service of inactivity.

It requires a vigorous, active
service to God.

“Holy”

= “set aside for a special purpose to God”

OT sacrifices were without spot/blemish

Malachi 1:8 = second rate offerings!

Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Corinthians 11:2

“Acceptable”

= giving ourselves and our best is pleasing and acceptable to God

The only acceptable offering.

Colossians 2:20-23

“Rational”

= “logical, reasonable, rational, spiritual”

= the logical response to all God has done in Christ, is to give Him everything!

= “worship” describes any service of the Christian

Lessons Learned

1. Should offer ourselves voluntarily.
2. Should offer our ENTIRE self.
3. Should be motivated by God's character.
4. Should be done without delay!