



ROMANS 12:1-2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

Introduction

- An Outline of Romans
 - 1:1-17 – Introduction and Thesis
 - 1:18-3:20 – Human Depravity
 - 3:21-5:21 – Justification by Faith
 - 6:1-8:39 – Sanctification and Glorification
 - 9:1-11:36 – The Jews and the Gentiles
 - 12:1-16:27 – _____

- “The Pauline exhortations do not merely contain good _____ or the apostle’s _____. They represent the authoritative will of God and are enjoined [ordered, charged, commanded, instructed] upon churches in a solemn manner.” (Thomas Schreiner, *Romans*)
- Paul assumed that Christians (noun) would live a distinctly “_____” (adjective) life (Romans 12:1-2 ... Ephesians 4:1ff).

A “Christian” Life

- A “Christian” life is built on the _____ of God presented in the _____ (Romans 12:1).
 - In the gospel of _____, the imperative precedes the indicative.
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- A “Christian” life cannot be only _____ or only _____ (Romans 12:1 ... Romans 1:24, 3:9-18).
 - Presenting our bodies as living sacrifices is our _____ (*logikos*) act of worship.
- A “Christian” life must not look like the surrounding _____ (Romans 12:2 ... Matthew 5:13-16).
 - “Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.” (The Message)
 - “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world.” (The New Living Translation)
 - “Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image.” (The Voice)
- A “Christian” life must be built on gospel _____ (Romans 12:2 ... Romans 1:28, 2:4).
 - Jesus expects his followers to love him with their _____ (Matthew 22:37).
- A “Christian” life is focused on God’s _____ – what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:2).