

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ONE LIFE TO LIVE — FOR NOW — PART 2

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Spiritual Worship, Godly Service, Dedication, Devotion, Sacrifice, The Will of God

The Reading of Our Text

Romans 12:1-2

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.* **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.

It has been well said that;
“Right Relationships Mean Right Living”

Many times, our life’s decisions determine
the trajectory of just where we end up in both time and eternity.

Proverbs 4:23 NLT

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

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ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

1.) So Give God Your Attention

vs. 1a

1a.) Because of what has been taught to you

vs. 1a

1b.) Because of what has been done for you

vs. 1a

1c.) Because of what has been offered to you

vs. 1a

“The LORD of the Bible - The Almighty God, He was the First One to offer up the First Sacrifice.”

Genesis 3:21 NLT

And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

In a Shockingly Awesome Act – As Bloody as it Was –
Mercy was Put on Display, Given as an Undeserving Gift.

The First Death Ever - Was a Sacrifice, Not of Worship,
But for Rescuing. And it was by God Himself - for Mankind.

God had taken the life of an Innocent Animal in Genesis 3
to become the covering for Adam & Eve's Naked Sin.

The Animal Skin Couldn't Take Away Sin but Only Cover It.
A Greater Act of Mercy Would Be Needed in Time.

Mercies grk: oiktirmos
to have in your possession, to feel, to experience, to have compassion for or pity upon.

Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

**Whenever Mercy is Extended,
It must always come - at the expense of the One showing
mercy.**

“The Origin / Foundation of Our Worship

Is founded upon One Central Doctrine = Worship. Worship which is the act of Offering. Worship must first begin with an offering of blood that is willing presented.

It was expensive. It was terrible & It was bloody.”

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

Hebrews 9:22c ESV

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

2.) So Give God Your Body

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

that YOU present YOUR bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable to God, which is YOUR reasonable service

2a.) As an act of willful faith

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

that YOU present YOUR bodies a living sacrifice

How Can We Love God With All of Our Faith?

Warning: Do Not Try This At Home

(This Is What NOT To Do)

Genesis 4:1-7

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." **2** Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. 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, **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."

So How Can We Love God With All of Our Faith?

1 John 5:4-5 NIV

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

The YOU here makes this a personal act of Worship.

Pre'sent

The Greek word for present has this meaning – that with premeditation - - you offer that or who which is being pre-sented as being dedicated, offered, given to God.

Here is Jesus' teaching on this truth;

Mark 8:35

For whoever desires to **save his life** will lose it, but whoever loses **his life** for My sake and the Gospel's will **save** it.
(Matthew, Mark, Luke)

Luke 9:23-24

Then Jesus said to them all, "If anyone (1) desires to come after Me, let him (2) deny himself, and (3) take up his cross daily, and (4) follow Me. **24** For whoever desires to SAVE his life will LOSE it, but whoever (5) loses his life for My sake will save it.

What is it to "**Desire to Come After Jesus**"?

Have you come after Jesus Christ in your own life?

What is it to "**Deny Yourself**"?

Have you ever told you 'no you cannot have that or this'?

What is it to “Carry Your Cross”?

Have you been carrying your own cross – change crosses now?

What is it to “Follow Him”?

Have you been following Him like a target?

What is it to “Lose Your Life”?

Have you discovered just how unimportant you are?

SO GIVE GOD YOUR BODY ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW

2b.) In an act of willful hope

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

holy, acceptable to God.

Holy

grk: hagios

Set away from and apart from for a cause or mission, religious awe, sacred, sainted, a sanctuary for God.

Acceptable

grk: euarestos

well-pleasing, a glad and happy position, place, relationship.

This Defines The Christians True Freedom
No longer **Unholy**. No longer **Unacceptable**

Galatians 4:7

Therefore you are no longer a **slave** but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Romans 7:14

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, **sold under** sin.

This HOPE stands in stark contrast to slave market
of the ancient Greco-Roman world.

How important is human trafficking to you?

Joseph was Sold into the slave Market of Egypt

Genesis 37:28

Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph down to Egypt.

Unlike us - Joseph (being innocent) was Swept Away into Captivity

- Enslaved to Your Fear
- Enslaved to Your Money
- Enslaved to Your Pot
- Enslaved to Your Drugs
- Enslaved to Your Sex
- Enslaved to Your Power
- Enslaved to Your Porn
- Enslaved to Your World

Matthew 24:36-39,48-51

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be... - 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, “My master is delaying his coming,” 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites.

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Hell)

So Again - How important is human trafficking to you?

In the 1st. Century Roman Empire - there were an almost infinite number of reasons why you might have been found on the slave-market in Rome.

Debt / Servitude / Labor / Sex Objects / Human Harvesting / Trading.
{ The buyer would **“walk-the-line”** to see who was worth buying }

But Then Along Came Jesus Christ –

He Walked into The Slave-Market of this World
and there you were. Dirty, Cut, Bruised, Scared, Broken, Used, Done...
(And I’m just talking about you - on the outside)

"Sold to the highest Bidder – Jesus !
Who gave Your own Blood to Purchase these Lost Wretches.

We need to look longer at the people in our lives.
We need to look closer at them.
We need to see them on the inside - where it really matters

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

**SO GIVE GOD YOUR BODY
ONE LIFE TO LIVE FOR NOW**

2c.) In an act of willful love

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

which is your reasonable service

Your Logical Love

Is there any other kind of Real Love ?

Psalm 63:3-8 KJV

Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. 4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: 6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. 7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. 8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

Philippians 3:7-8a

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,

service/worship grk: latreia / proskynéō
that which is divine worship, service or better - to be in the service of
worship. also translated proskynéō = prós, meaning to move towards" and
ky'neo, to kiss the ground or to fall down before a sovereign. The act of
presenting ones face or forehead to the hand of the king. to bow and to kiss
the hand. (the same word is used for a dog to lick the hand of his owner or
master. proskynéō suggests the willingness to make all necessary
physical gestures of obeisance.

**“There must be a fatality that takes place
in your relationship with God. You must be that fatality.”**

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Last Week I Said This;

Present as in Presentation = The Origin of Worship
And is found in One Central Doctrine = Offering;
Worship first began with an offering of blood that was willingly presented.
It was expensive. It was terrible & It was bloody.

My Body – Your Body – Our Bodies – The Body – His Body
Did you know that your physical body is a physical tool,
a billboard, a display – a witness of the life you have decided to live.

Philippians 1:20-21

Now, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but
with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or
by death. **21** For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**“True worship is not so much the Giving Up of something,
But rather, it is the Expressing Of ourselves to God.
Worship is not a matter of giving something –
it is a matter of the attitude of the heart. The more heart-attached, the more costly.”**

2 Corinthians 9:7

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Cheerful grk: hilaros
to be joy-filled, to be exuberant, propitious, gracious,
to laugh or to be “happy” to);

Propitious /prə-ˈpɪʃ-əs/
adjective

1. Presenting favorable circumstances or showing signs of a favorable outcome; auspicious.
2. Merciful or kindly.
"a propitious deity."
3. Convenient; auspicious; favorable; kind.
"a propitious season; a propitious breeze."

Similar: **convenient - favorable - kind**

The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition • More at [Wordnik](#)

“Jesus Christ stepped out of the realm of eternity to take on a human body so that He might live out the will and plan of God for our redemption. We too now follow His example. We now have stepped out of the realm of this world, our physical lives to take on a new spiritual existence so that we might receive the will and plan of God for our redemption.”

End of Study

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