

FREE TO WORSHIP

Life Group Bible Study; Week of 3/3/2024; Romans 12:1-2; Wes Pastor; Christ Proclamation Church

Sermon Theme: In Christ, we are now free to worship God by offering a priestly sacrifice of prayer and praise, a fragrant aroma to our heavenly King.

I. Freedom to Worship Lost by Sin – Read Luke 4:18-19 and Ephesians 2:1-13

- A. Read Luke 4:18-19. What do you notice about the state of the captives?
- B. Read Ephesians 2:1-13. What does this passage tell us about the nature of sinners apart from the Lord Jesus? According to verses 1-3, how does Paul describe man's enslavement to sin?
- C. Based on these passages, what is the greatest problem that all of humanity faces? Why does the reality of sin bar us from worshipping God?

II. Freedom to Worship Gained Through Christ – Read Romans 12:1-2

- A. What observations do you make from verses 1 and 2?
- B. According to Romans 12:1, what is the basis of the Christian's worship-filled offering?
- C. What does Paul mean when he writes, "present your bodies as a living sacrifice"? What does it look like to practically present our bodies as living sacrifices to God?
- D. How can Christians be transformed rather than conformed to the world? What does it look like to have our minds renewed each and every day?

III. Application – Read Romans 12:2, 1 John 2:15-17, and Romans 8:1-13

- A. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be conformed to this world." Why is Paul so emphatic in his command to not be conformed to the world? How does 1 John 2:15-17 echo Paul's command?
- B. According to 1 John 2:15-17, who is it that will not pass away? What does it look like to do the will of God in our lives?
- C. What areas of your life are you prone to be more enticed by the things of this world? Where do you find yourself to be unhelpfully influenced by the world?
- D. How would you like to grow in being a living sacrifice to God? In what ways would you like to grow in seeing everything in your life as "a spiritual act of worship"?