

ROMANS: Living Sacrifices

“Presenting Ourselves to God All the Days of Our Lives”

Romans 12:1

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Introduction

New Testament scholar, Michael Bird, referred to this section of Romans as “Christ College” because the attitudes and behaviors outlined in this section are to be lived out by those who have been transformed by the message of Romans 1-11.

In Christ, sinners are made new creatures because we have been transformed by the power of the gospel and therefore every area of our lives is impacted. We have transitioned in our study of Romans from *belief* to *behavior* and from *doctrine* to *duty*.

When you think about what you believe and who you are going to follow, what comes to mind? How do your beliefs impact your life? For some, you’re not quite sure. Maybe you’re here because of your parent’s commitment. Maybe you have come because you have hit a wall in your life and you’re wondering if there is anything in this service for you.

I also realize that our gathering is filled with a convinced audience. We are young and old gathered to confess that Jesus is Lord. We are staunch regarding Jesus and His claims, and therefore, we have surrendered our lives completely to Him. Perfectly? No. But our daily thoughts are now fixed on how to live for Christ at school, at work, and among family and friends.

Romans 12 begins with the warm encouragement of the apostle Paul to do something radical, and that is “*to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*” (Rom. 12:1). Motivated by God’s mercies to us in Christ, we must give him all that we are, represented by our body.

~Romans 12:1

I. The D_____ of Christianity That
Costs N_____...It's Not
Christianity.

II. FIVE Features of the Christian's sacrifice.

*Our Sacrifice is Not P_____ for Anything.

*Our Sacrifice includes Our B_____.

*Our Sacrifice is a L_____ Sacrifice.

*Our Sacrifice is to be H_____.

*Our Sacrifice is A_____ and P_____ to God.

Conclusion

Motivated by God's mercies in Christ, what areas of your life do you need to offer God your best, in a way that costs?

A former president of Princeton put it this way when he reflected upon his conversion to Christ. He said that as a young man he received Christ and the gift of eternal life. All the rest of his life was simply a P.S. to that day, saying, "Thank you, Lord, for what you gave me then." The motive for all is gratitude for God's unsearchable riches in Christ.