

# ROMANS: Living Sacrifices

"True Worship"

Romans 12:1-2

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## Introduction

Some years ago, I was given a copy of Joseph Carroll's book, *How to Worship Jesus Christ*. I have referred to it many times over the years. In his thoughtful work, Carroll wrote:

*"Worship is not simple, but it is glorious! I have found...that it is the one thing the enemy will oppose more than anything else...The one thing he does not want is for you to worship Jesus Christ."*

Worship is indeed spiritual warfare, and sadly it is fogged in by a lot of misunderstanding. When we think of worship, we tend to think about what goes on in a church service, not something that involves the details of life. Adding to the confusion is how *worship* is typically used in conversation as a descriptor of music. In our cultural "neck-of-the-woods" we hear of "*the worship and the preaching*" which means, "*the music and the preaching.*"

However, Romans 12 deepens our understanding of worship and gives a life-changing perspective for followers of Jesus Christ. Rightly understood, worship is not just the music we sing or what we do in our church building. Worship is what should flow from the Christian's life because of God's mercies to us in Christ. This text gives us an all-encompassing picture of what worship involves—*everything*. We are a gathered people, and soon we will be a scattered people who are called to worship God as a way of life. The call is to present ourselves to God continually and ongoingly as living sacrifices. This is life on the altar, and it is the life we are called to live.

~Romans 12:1

I. Sin Has Dealt a D\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ to our Ability to Worship God.

II. God's Mercies in Christ Have  
T\_\_\_\_\_ Our Hearts to Become  
T\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_.

-Our M\_\_\_\_\_.

-Our E\_\_\_\_\_ and E\_\_\_\_\_.

-Our T\_\_\_\_\_.

-Our H\_\_\_\_\_ and F\_\_\_\_\_.

III. Worship That Makes P\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_.

Our spiritual worship is logical, reasonable, and spiritual service considering God's mercies extended to us in the gospel.

Your daily worship of God makes perfect sense considering His abundant grace upon your life.

## Conclusion

*"True conversion makes a difference in a person's life. If there are no differences, there is no genuine conversion...Laws in themselves change little. Changed people change everything. And the only thing that ever really changes people is God himself through the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

~James M. Boice