



Living in View of God's Mercy

Romans 12:1-2 | Pastor Darrin Wright | September 27, 2026

Main Idea

God's mercy in Christ moves us to offer our whole lives to Him in worship and to grow in obedience as He renews our minds through His Word.

Sermon in Brief

Romans 12 begins with the mercy God has shown sinners in Jesus Christ. Paul appeals to believers to respond to that mercy by presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice. The obedience he describes grows from gratitude for God's saving work. We give ourselves to Him because His grace has captured our hearts.

That response reaches every part of life. Our bodies, time, relationships, resources, and ordinary responsibilities belong to God. As we offer ourselves to Him, we also need our thinking renewed. The Holy Spirit uses Scripture to reshape our minds, helping us recognize the world's influence and learn to embrace what pleases God.

Main Points

- 1. The Mercy That Motivates Christian Living — Romans 12:1a.** Remember what God has done for you in Christ. His mercy is the foundation of grateful obedience.
- 2. The Sacrifice That Marks Christian Living — Romans 12:1b.** Offer your whole self to God. Everyday responsibilities become opportunities to worship Him.
- 3. The Transformation That Shapes Christian Living — Romans 12:2.** Submit your thinking to God's Word. As He renews your mind, learn to recognize and embrace His will.

Memory Verse — Romans 12:1 (ESV): "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."

Key Quotes

“You don't obey for acceptance. You obey from acceptance.”

“When you're struggling, when you're failing, when you've messed up, remember mercy.”

“We give ourselves to God because His grace has already captured our hearts.”

— Pastor Darrin Wright

Reflect & Respond

- One mercy I need to remember is...
- One part of my life I need to offer to God is...
- One assumption I need to examine through Scripture is...
- One act of grateful obedience I can take today is...

Live in View of Mercy This Week

Read Romans 12:1-2 each day. Choose one ordinary area of your life in which to practice grateful obedience throughout the week.

Day 1. Remember: Thank God for a mercy you have received in Christ.

Day 2. Surrender: Name an area you have kept under your own terms.

Day 3. Serve: Offer an ordinary responsibility to God as worship.

Day 4. Examine: Identify a cultural assumption shaping a decision.

Day 5. Renew: Read Ephesians 4:22-24. What old pattern of thinking or behavior do you need to put off, and what should replace it?

Day 6. Obey: Take one practical step that follows the truth you read.

Day 7. Give thanks: Ask God to continue His transforming work.

Prayer

Father, thank You for Your mercy in Jesus Christ. Help me remember Your grace when I struggle. I offer You my whole life, including the ordinary responsibilities before me. Renew my mind through Your Word and teach me to delight in what pleases You. Amen.

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