

Study questions for Romans 12:1-2
For Sermon on 1/22/23

1. Read Romans 12:1-2. What is the main thing Paul urges us to do?
2. In 12:1, Note: “present yourselves to God” was a word that referred to the complete dedication of something to God. It was used of offering a sacrifice to God on the altar which was completely God’s. What does Jesus tell us about how we are to relate to Him in Luke 9:23?
3. In 12:1, on what basis does Paul urge us to present ourselves to God?
4. Describe the mercies of God Paul had previously talked about in the following verses: Romans 3:24; 4:5, 7-8; 5:1,2, 8; 8:1, 15,17,18,28,38-39
5. God calls us to serve Him motivated out of love and thankfulness for His mercies. See also 2 Cor. 5:14-15. What are some wrong motives people can have to serve God?
6. What difference would it make if Christians were motivated by wrong things to serve God?
7. In Romans 12:1 what else do we learn about the nature of presenting ourselves to God? Describe in your own words what you think the rest of 12:1 means? Why would God want us to know this about our dedication to Him?
8. Rom. 12:2 describes how we are to live dedicated to God. What does the verse tell us NOT to do? What does Paul say in Rom. 1:25 is the practice of the world? What do they worship? What are some idols the world has that Christians must guard against? What does 1 John 2:15-17 say about this? Describe how Christians can allow the world to shape them into their mold. What priorities, values and perspectives do they have that is not of God?
9. To live for God, a Christian must make a decision regarding the world. What happened to Demas when he began loving the world in 2 Tim. 4:10? What values and patterns of thinking and acting that are of the world do you sometimes struggle with? What decisions regarding the world’s values and practices is the Lord showing you that you need to make?
10. In Rom. 12:2 not only must Christians decide to not follow the world’s pattern of thinking and acting, they must continually be transformed by their renewed mind. The Bible says our behavior is determined by our thinking, “As a man thinks in his heart so he acts” Prov. 4:12. We must allow God’s word to govern and transform our thinking. What do the following verses tell us about this? John 17:17; Psalm 119:9-11; 1 Peter 2:1-2; Hebrews 5:11-14
11. What priorities or changes is the Lord leading you to make so that His word will govern your thinking? What specifically are you going to do to allow His word to rule your heart?
12. What does Rom. 12:2 say will be the result of us dedicating our life to God by living according to our (biblically) renewed mind? How does this motivate you to live for God knowing this about God’s will?
13. What has the Lord shown you or how has He convicted or encouraged you through Romans 12:1-2?