

**Series "How Great A Salvation"  
"Living Sacrifice"  
Romans 12:1-2  
Study-33**

**Great transition from what God has done to what we must do, or **Creed to Conduct, Doctrine to Duty: Romans 12:1****

**Anyone that sets aside sound Christian Doctrine also sets aside sound Christian Living.**

Jesus said regarding The Christian in Experience **John 13:17**

**Romans 12:1-2** has been called, "The Ground Of Christian Ethics" or "Basis Of Christian Conduct" **Romans 1-11 Doctrine** leads to **Romans 12-16**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "What One Believes Will Determine How One Will Behave, Because Belief Determines Behavior"

- 1. Verse 1 – Basis Of Commitment:**
- 2. Verse 1 – Character Of Commitment:**
- 3. Verse 2 – Demands Of Commitment:**
- 4. Verse 2 – Effect Of Commitment:**

**1. Verse 1 – Basis Of Commitment:**

**Romans 12:1 Therefore**

When we come across the word "**Therefore**" we need to ask, "*What is the therefore, there for?*" It's a hinge by which the link between the door and the wall. (Theory to practice)

**Therefore**, Quick look at Romans: Reveals that the word "**therefore**" gives us an outline of the book:

- 1. Romans 3:20 - Therefore Condemnation**
- 2. Romans 5:1 - Therefore Justification**
- 3. Romans 8:1 - Therefore Assurance**
- 4. Romans 12:1 - Therefore Dedication**

Paul has already fallen down in worship before God. **Romans 11:33-36**

**I urge you,**

not command or law - but **urge** "*to call near, to invite, to call for in order to help and give aid to*" **We should never expect a response without an appeal and opportunity!**

**brethren –**

**The basis for commitment is belonging to God!**

**by the mercies (plural) of God –**

*compassion – Romans 1-11 describes the mercy from God, undeserved sinners before God. Romans 11:32*

**God's Mercy Was Demonstrated By Jesus On The Cross:**

**Romans 5:8; Romans 9:23**

**There is no greater motivation for commitment and service to God than to dwell upon what God has done for me, and the greatness of God's sacrifice leads to service.**

## **2. Verse 1 – Character Of Commitment:**

**Romans 12:1 to present your bodies –**

There are 2 truths about presenting ourselves to God:

- 1. Present - Total Is Acceptable – a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God,**
- 2. Present - Sacrificial Act Of Worship - which is your spiritual service of worship.**

**Salvation – The Surrender of the Heart**

**Sanctification – The Surrender of the Will**

**Service – The Surrender of the Body**

**to present** or "*to offer*"

This is a technical term for "*the presenting of a victim to sacrifice*" Greek *arist tense*, something you do once and for all, one time.

**Romans 6:13-14**

**Bodies:** Our bodies can be tools for God's glory or toys for our pleasure.

**living and holy sacrifice,** OT sacrifice was a dead animal ... What? Living?

**Romans 6:4 so we too might walk in newness of life.**

**and holy Sacrifice –**

**holy –** "*dedicated, set apart for a special purpose, we have renounced sin and are completely God's*"

**acceptable to God –** pleasing

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

**which is your spiritual service of worship –**  
*"rational, logical, intelligent"*

**True worship is offering ourselves to God.**

### **3. Verse 2 – Demands Of Commitment:**

**Romans 12:2**

**Paul gives 2 commands:**

1. **(Negative) And do not be conformed to this world,**
2. **(Positive) but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**

**Nonconformity: And do not be conformed to this world, Schema –**  
*Schema of the world. (age) Conformed – "fashion place - mold after"*  
(J.B. Philips Translation)

**Jude 11**

**the way of Cain** – Pride of intellect

**error of Balaam** - Love of money - worldly goods

**rebellion of Korah** - Contempt for authority (Resist)

**Galatians 1:4-5**

**But be transformed** - Word "*metamorphosis*" – "*to change your outward appearance so as to agree with your inner self*"

English - **Transfigured** - Jesus was on the mountain.

**Matthew 17:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18**

**by the renewing of your mind** – This word **renewing** – "*renovation, that involves a process*"

*Repentance, The Word, The Holy Spirit!*

**Romans 8:29**

**Titus 3:4-7**

**We are called to say "NO!" to the schemes of this world but a "YES!" to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.**

### **4. Verse 2 – Effect Of Commitment:**

**Romans 12:2**

N.L.T. Romans 12:2

**so that you may prove what the will of God is –**  
*"prove by testing – to examine to ascertain, to prove genuine"*

### **How do we come to know His Will?**

I looked up the term "**Will of God,**" it was used **434X**

**When we speak of the will of God we are speaking of 2 specific areas.**

1. General - The Bible contains principles that are clearly laid out on how we can be in His will.
2. Specific - Who should I marry? Should I buy this house or car?

**Will Of God Through The Word Of God –**  
**Will Of God Through Prayer –**  
**Will Of God Through Godly Counsel –**  
**Will Of God Through Dedicating Yourself to Him –**

**Description Of God's Will:**  
**that which is good, and acceptable, and perfect**

### **God's Will Is Beneficial - Good**

Don't fear consequences. The will of God is always to glorify God and for our benefit. **Romans 8:28**

**God's Will Is Right - Acceptable –** God's will is always the right thing.  
**God's Will Is Flawless - Perfect –** *"completeness, of full age, perfect"*

### **Application:**

1. The Basis Of The Believer's Commitment Is What God Has Done For Me. The Greatness Of God's Sacrifice Leads To Service.
2. The Character Of Commitment Is The Total Dedication Of Ourselves To God, Which Is The Logical Way Of True Worship.
3. The Demands Of Commitment Means Not Being Molded According To This World. We Are To Be Renovated By The Renewing Of Our Mind.
4. The Effect Of Commitment Is To Prove By Testing The Genuineness Of God's Will. God's Will Is Always Good, Acceptable, And Perfect.