

A Sacrifice - ALIVE ~ Romans 12:1

→Scripture Reading Rom. 11:32-12:1

INTRODUCTION

When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my SOUL, my LIFE, my ALL.

^{11:36} For everything **comes from Him** and **exists by His power** and is **intended for His glory**. All glory to Him forever! Amen. (NLT)

TRUE and PROPER Worship ~ Romans 12:1

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's MERCY, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.

¹ ...I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the MERCIES of God, to present your bodies as a SACRIFICE - alive, holy, and pleasing to God - which is your reasonable service. (NET)

...act of intelligent worship (JBP) ...is your spiritual (rational) service of worship (NAS)
...this is your TRUE and PROPER worship. (NIV updated 2011)

APPLICATION

¹ ...I urge you, brothers, in view of God's MERCY, to **OFFER** your bodies as LIVING sacrifices..

...in the ancient world people offered sacrifices in order to RECEIVE mercy from the gods, but Paul teaches us that God's MERCY gives us the Reason FOR our Sacrifice. Expositors

^{6:13} Do NOT offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather OFFER yourselves to God...

...OFFER yourselves to God as those who have been brought from DEATH to LIFE; and offer the parts of your body to HIM as instruments of righteousness. (NIV)

^{6:13} Do NOT let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves COMPLETELY to God... (NLT)

Total Commitment is the daily laying aside our own desires to follow Him, putting ALL our energy and resources at His disposal, and trusting Him to guide us. HNTC

An ALIVE Sacrifice is... Hughes

- TOTAL- present your bodies
- REASONABLE- the Rational thing to do
- Act of WORSHIP- act of intelligent worship

Hebrews 13:15-16 (HCS) Therefore, through Him let us continually OFFER UP to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of our lips that confess His name. ¹⁶ Don't neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is PLEASED with such SACRIFICES.

Offer Up to God a SACRIFICE... Heb. 13:15-16

- of PRAISE
- of Doing GOOD
- of SHARING with those in Need

APPLICATION

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...act of **intelligent worship** (JBP) ...your **reasonable** (rational) service of **worship** (NAS)
...this is your TRUE and PROPER worship. (NIV 2011)

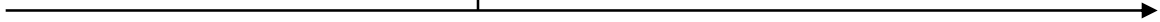
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Offering DEAD Sacrifices
Legal REQUIREMENT
MAKE a sacrifice

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Offering a LIVING Sacrifice
Reasonable RESPONSE to God's Mercy
BE a sacrifice



APPLICATION

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV) Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks IN all circumstances; for this IS the will of God in Christ Jesus FOR YOU.

TAKE AWAY ??

REDEEMED by Jesus Blood 3:24

JUSTIFIED by Faith 5:1

ETERNAL Life as a Gift 6:23

RECONCILED by Jesus' Death 5:10

PEACE with God 5:1

No CONDEMNATION 8:1

INTERCESSION of Holy Spirit 8:26

Works ALL THINGS for Good 8:28

MORE than **Conquerors** through Jesus 8:37

NO SEPARATION from God's Love 8:38-39

^{11:36} For everything comes **FROM Him** and exists **BY His power** and is intended **FOR His glory**. All glory to Him forever! Amen. (NLT)

^{12:1} With eyes wide open to the MERCIES of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent WORSHIP, to give Him your bodies, as a **living sacrifice**, consecrated to Him and acceptable by Him. (JBP)