

**Romans 11:32 (NIV)**

For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that He may have  
**MERCY** on them all.

## **Romans 11:33-34 (NIV)**

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! <sup>34</sup> Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?

## **Romans 11:35-36 (NIV)**

Who has ever given to God, that God should repay Him? <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

## **Romans 12:1 (NIV)**

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.

# **A Sacrifice - ALIVE**

**Romans 12:1**

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.**



<sup>1</sup> ...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)

<sup>1</sup>...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 (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.

Hebrews 13:16 (HCS)

Don't neglect to **DO** what is **good** and to  
**SHARE**, for **God is PLEASED**  
with such **SACRIFICES**.

## Offer Up to God a **SACRIFICE...**

➤ of **PRAISE**

➤ of Doing **GOOD**

➤ of **SHARING** with those in Need

12:1 ...offer your bodies as living  
sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -  
this is your **Spiritual ACT of WORSHIP.**

...**ACT** of **intelligent worship** (JBP)

...your **reasonable** (rational) service  
of **worship** (NAS)

...this is your **TRUE** and **PROPER**  
worship. (NIV 2011)

## O. T. WORSHIP

Offering **DEAD**  
Sacrifices

Legal **REQUIREMENT**

**MAKE** a sacrifice

## N. T. WORSHIP

Offering a **LIVING**  
Sacrifice

Reasonable **RESPONSE**  
to God's Mercy

**BE** a sacrifice

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.**

**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)

Love so amazing, so divine, -  
**DEMANDS my soul, my life, my all.**