

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. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, perfect will.

Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1-2

BECOMING A LIVING SACRIFICE

Summary of Today's Message

The plan of God is good! In this message on two of the most important verses in the Bible, learn what happens when you surrender your agenda and goals and allow God to change you from the inside out. The result: an amazing life of purpose and meaning.

THREE THINGS GOD WANTS FROM US

I. The first thing God wants is for us to present our bodies to Him

Paul says we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice as a living killing

What is a living sacrifice?

It's the idea that I want to run my life

The Profile of the Rich Young Ruler

1. Had a desire to know how to inherit eternal life
2. Kept the four moral commandments
3. Jesus said, “Go and sell everything you have and follow me
4. He ran to Jesus, he had the right attitude

The Profile of the Rich Young Ruler

5. He fell before Jesus' face, he was at the right place

6. He was moral, he was ethical

7. He refused to give up his other masters before he could be mastered by the Master

The Profile of the Rich Young Ruler

1. Jesus calls us to give up whatever it is that is mastering us
2. The word “Holy” simply means to be set apart
3. We’re a living sacrifice a living killing that has been set apart and it is acceptable to God

The Shepherds in Malachi

The shepherds many of them refused to give the “prize of their flock of Lambs as an offering.”

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming and said, “Behold the Lamb of God-the best God had was His Son.

The Shepherds in Malachi

So when we present our bodies a living sacrifice a living killing of our goals and our desires-we become His it is holy it is set apart, and it is acceptable by God because it's from the depth of our being and it's all that we have and all that we'll ever be.

The Second Thing God Wants From Us is a Renewed Mind

1. Do not be conformed to the world
2. We often become like the ones we “hang”
with

The Third Thing God Wants From us is
for our minds to be transformed

We get our word metamorphosis from
transform.

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Examples of metamorphosis in the animal life

a. The tadpoles are transformed into frogs-they
go from living on plants to eating bugs meat
etc.

b. The tadpole has the same DNA as the frog but
suddenly there is a transformation, a
metamorphosis

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This is what happens to us in Christ Jesus when
we present our bodies-

He renews our minds and suddenly we think
differently there is a metamorphosis

Scientific Facts About our Mind

1. Science taught that prior to 1960 our mind was formed at birth, the first month, or maybe a year of life
2. Today, Science talks about mind mapping and how our minds are being renewed all the time

Scientific Facts About our Mind

3. When we become a believer the process of metamorphosis begins and our whole way of life changes

This is what God wants from us- a surrender of our body and a renewal of our mind

The caterpillar and butterfly is even a greater story of metamorphosis

The Results of making a Living Sacrifice

We prove the will of God

We prove the plan of God and

we discover it is good

It is acceptable

The Results of making a Living Sacrifice

It's perfect

A tube of toothpaste is conformed
from the outside

Transformation comes from within,
like blowing up a balloon.

Closing Thought

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Closing Thought

Romans 12:1-2

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.