

Present Your Bodies as a Living Sacrifice to God

Romans 12:1

Scripture Reading: *Romans 15:8-13*

- A. “*I appeal to you therefore...*” — the Christian life is to be _____ on God-revealed truth.
1. The life that the Spirit of God is calling us to live as disciples of Christ (*Romans 12-16*) is built on the foundation of *Romans 1-11*. Paul is moving from doctrine to _____.
 2. This gets to the very meaning of our existence. The whole point of Christianity is to glorify the mercy of God in Christ Jesus (*Romans 15:8-9*). Christian living is built on something!
- B. “*...by the mercies of God*” — build your life on the _____ of God.
1. The mercies that will flow from us as we build our lives on the mercies of God (*12:6-21*).
 2. Mercy is not _____ (*12:9*).

I. But First, Spiritual Worship

- A. Before Paul describes our new life in Christ as *merciful* he describes it as _____.
- B. Before we give ourselves in mercy to _____, we give ourselves in worship to _____.
1. The Christian life is about so much more than simply a _____ agenda.
 2. Making people comfortable on the way to everlasting punishment, without the hope and aim that they see _____ in our good deeds, is not mercy.

II. Spiritual Worship: The Presenting of a Sacrifice to God

- A. **Bodies** — your body _____! You belong to God—soul and body.
- B. **Living** — let every act of your body be a demonstration that God is your _____.
- C. **Holy** — use your members as instruments for _____, not sin.
- D. **Acceptable to God** — the reason holiness matters is because of _____.