

## **A LIFE OF WORSHIP**

### **ROMANS 12:1-2**

**8/31/25**

## **AN OVERVIEW OF GOD'S MERCIES**

### **I. BELIEVERS PRESENT THEMSELVES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE**

*Romans 12:1 - "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship..."*

**A. The believer's presentation of their body is to be a daily, worshipful, sacrifice to God**

**B. The believer is to present their whole body to God**

**C. The believer's presentation of their body is to be sacrificial "living"**

*1 Samuel 15:22 - "And Samuel said, 'Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.'"*

*2 Corinthians 6:20 - "For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."*

**D. The believer's presentation of his body is to be holy and acceptable to God**

*Hebrews 13:15-16 - "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*

### **II. BELIEVERS ARE NOT TO BE CONFORMED TO THE CULTURE OF THE AGE**

**A. The word "con" means to "be with" or "together"**

**B. The word "world" means the "culture of the age"**

*Romans 1:29-32 - "They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them."*

**C. Believers are not to be formed with the culture of this age**

*1 John 2:15-16 - "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world."*

### III. BELIEVERS ARE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF THEIR MINDS

*Romans 12:2 - "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

*"We are to be 'intellectually non-conformists.'" R. C. Sproul*

#### A. How can this be?

1. In the New Testament the word "mind" appears 45 times

*Matthew 22:37 - "And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and **with all your mind.**'"*

*Philippians 2:5 - "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus."*

*2 Corinthians 4:4 - "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, **to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel** of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."*

#### B. How did the light come on?

### IV. APPLICATION

*Philippians 4:8 - "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, **think about these things.**"*

### COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing from the message this week that stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Who can properly worship God and how do they do that?
3. What must happen in order for a person to discern and agree with the will of God?
4. What right does God have to ask us for a full-life commitment? What does a full-life commitment look like?
5. What does "conform" mean? To what worldly lifestyles or values do we typically conform?
6. What is one step you can take this week toward eliminating habits that merely conform to the world's pattern or culture?