

Romans 12:1 - 2 Total Commitment To Christ

in light of ch. 1-11 → 12 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. 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.

II The Prevention
"the world"

III The Outcome
"transformation"

IV The Method
"Renewal of the mind"

V The Result
"proving the will of God"

I. The Command

Total Commitment is:

- decisive: "present" an act.. a point in time
- total: "your bodies" as in Deut. 6
- living: animal sacrifices were merely symbolic
- holy: we present what we are in Christ. It is properly motivated
- in response to God's mercies (Gal. 2:20)
- voluntary "I urge you brethren.." we are not coerced
- sacrificial... as a burnt offering or an "ascend offering" An act of worship
- pleasing or acceptable: involves trusting... God's word, providence, purposes, glory, life.
- logical: or rational service ... the expected normal response also "spiritual service"
- an act of priestly service: i.e. "liturgy"