

Present Yourself to the God of Mercy

Romans 12:1, 2

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"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."

Romans 12:1

1. The _____ – "brothers"

2. The _____ – "by the mercies of God"

3. The _____ – "present your bodies as a living sacrifice"

"present" –

"Do not present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness."

Romans 6:13

"living sacrifice" –

"spiritual worship" –

"...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 2:5

4. The _____ – “by the renewal of your mind”

- not _____ – to this world

“conform” –

- but _____ – by the renewing of your mind

“transform” (from “metamorpho”) –

5. The _____ – “what is good and acceptable and perfect”

- _____

“For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.”

1 Peter 2:15

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8

Questions for Reflection

1. Have I received mercy? How do I know?
2. Is my understanding of this passage simply intellectual?
3. What does offering my body as a living sacrifice look like in my life right now?
4. How is God transforming and renewing my mind? Give specific example(s).