

# ***“Radical Reality”***

Roman 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.*

## ***Therefore...***

“Therefore” is there-for pointing back to: Romans 1-11

## ***...I urge you...***

“**I**” demonstrates the messenger’s personal investment in the message.

Who is “investing” biblically in you?

Who are you investing biblically in?

What is God’s return-on-investment?

“**Urge**” underscores “urge-ncy” in the message.

Define “urge.”

What is “urge” worthy?

What is the cost of not urging?

“**You**” communicates personal application for the message.

You must assess the messenger.

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You must choose a response...

## ***...brothers...***

What is a brother?

Family brothers (Israel) or Faith brothers (Israel)

Church brothers or Christian brothers

Cain or Abel

Joshua & Caleb

Andrew & Peter

Paul & Barnabas

## ***...by the mercies of God...***

**Love** = 1:7; 5:5; 8:35; 8:39

**Grace** = 1:6-7; 3:24; 5:2, 20-21; 6:16

**Read: Romans 3:21-26; 6:23; 5:8; 8:28; 10:9; 11:29**

## ***...to present/offer your bodies...***

Grumbling obedience vs Joyous thanksgiving...

Are you offering God your best or “rest?”

**...a sacrifice...**

What is a generic "sacrifice?"  
What is a contextual (in Paul's culture) sacrifice?  
What is a contemporary, contextual, generic sacrifice?  
What is a contemporary, contextual, New Testament sacrifice?  
Is a New Testament "sacrifice" a verb or a noun?  
Is you offer to God more like Cain's or Abel's?

**...LIVING sacrifice** a.k.a. Devoted Doulos  
LIVING sacrifice requires DEAD self (Galatians 2:20)

**...HOLY sacrifice** a.k.a. Divinely Different  
Consider Ananias & Saphira (Acts 5... holding back some...)

**...ACCEPTABLE/PLEASING to GOD sacrifice** a.k.a. Developing Disciple  
Faithfully obedient... Consider Ananias going to Saul/Paul

**...which is your spiritual/reasonable service (of worship).**

**We are called to live OUT the Great Commission...  
with the Great Commandment alive IN our hearts!**

**And**

**do not be conformed  
to this world,**

Whose "uniform" are you wearing?  
Which team are you really on?

**but**

**be transformed  
by the renewing  
of your mind,**

Old caterpillar or New butterfly?  
Redeemed & renewed or Religious rituals?  
Scripture saturated or shallow self-help?

**so that**

**you may prove  
what the will of God is,  
that which is  
good  
and  
acceptable  
and  
perfect.**

Do you know that you know that you know  
To know His Word is to know His will...  
a.k.a. "being a living sacrifice"  
a.k.a. "being a holy sacrifice"  
a.k.a. "being a pleasing sacrifice"

**Either EVERYTHING's changed or NOTHING's changed...  
...that's the Radical Reality!**