

“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!**