

# **A Living Sacrifice**

Romans 12:1-2

# **Overview of Romans 1-16**

## **Justified By Faith**

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# **Practical Issues of faith and life**

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# **Practical Issues of faith and life**

## **Romans chapter 12-16**

- 10. Rejoice, O Gentiles (15:7-13)
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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. (12:1 ESV)

# God's mercies compel us to live for Him

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. God offered Him, so that by His blood He should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven through their faith in Him. (3:23, 25 GNB)

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as His own children." (8:15 NLT)

For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. (11:30-31 ESV)

# Total Commitment

So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.  
(12:1 GNT)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, **(1) to present your bodies** as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by **(2) the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (12:1-2 ESV)