

## Living In the Sacrifice!

The transforming power of Christ is unleashed in our lives when we dare to accept how God views our life and act upon His Word. Romans 12:1 emphatically states,

*"Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God's compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him. This kind of worship is appropriate for you. Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants-what is good, pleasing, and perfect..."*

No, God does not want to kill you; He wants to make you **alive!** The best sacrifice you could ever offer Jesus Christ is to live for Him. Every other sacrifice will cost you. But this unique sacrifice will bring you life. He can do something wonderful with someone who is living, holy, and acceptable. And that is who you are! Can you dare to believe you are loved? Will you go even further and do what God is asking? Be a living sacrifice! The way that you view life will change. In fact, the way that you think will completely change! Romans 12:2 calls this transformation; the Greek word is metamorpho. Meta - in the very midst of, morpho - an image being formed! So, my brothers and sisters, get rid of this "I'm just going to get by" way of thinking. Transformation is on the inside of you, waiting on you to present your body to Him. Until you are "all in", this power cannot be unleashed! Ephesians 4:23 puts it this way: *"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind."* "Renewed" here means, "to make young, or, to make new again." New life, that freshness of heaven is waiting on you!

God calls you a living sacrifice! God calls you holy! God calls you acceptable! For that reason alone, do the very thing our old way of thinking is afraid to do: present your body to God! It will transform you; it will renew you! It will cause you to escape the ravages in the world. It will give you courage and a new hope! With such a hope before us we can let go of the old way of thinking and the old way of living and embrace a new way of living and a new way of thinking! God will transform you! You can live in this sacrifice! Truly this is God's Kindness at work. Right now, the Holy Spirit is yearning, brooding, and travailing over you. Let Him have His way. And expect the living, holy, and acceptable glory of God to overtake your life.

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