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Romans 12:1
A Living Sacrifice

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Review

1. The mercies of God
2. Appreciating the salvation plan of God
3. Seeing change in our lives
4. Through the law of the Spirit of God

Presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” (Rom 12:1)

1. Presenting

- a. παραστησαι... paristemi...to present
 - i. Use of the infinitive...sense of purpose
 - ii. The presenting of ourselves should be done purposefully
- b. There is the offering of the body
 - i. Our whole life is to be given as a sacrifice
 - ii. Everything about us
 - iii. Presented as a whole...not just part

2. A living sacrifice

- a. An Old Testament concept...the offering of animal sacrifices as part of worship
 - i. All the animals should be “holy and acceptable”
 - ii. There should not be any blemish at all
 - Deut 17:1
 - Malachi 1:12–14
 - iii. Paul used the same idea to apply to believers

b. A living sacrifice

i. ζωσαν...zao...to live

ii. Use of the present

iii. As we are alive, we are seeking to be a living sacrifice to the Lord consistently

c. A sacrifice is seen as part of worship

i. θυσιαν...thusia...sacrifice

ii. Our service to the Lord is to be regarded as a sacrifice...our worship to the Lord

d. Holy

i. αγιαν...hagios...sacred, holy

ii. A sacrifice that is sacred and holy

e. Acceptable

i. ευαρεστον...euarestos...well-pleasing, acceptable

ii. The sacrifice is meant to be well pleasing to the Lord

3. Reasonable service

a. λογικην...logikos...rational

i. Logical

ii. Only regarded as rational

b. λατρειαν...latreia...service in the context of the priestly ministry

i. It is a sacred service to the Lord

ii. This is the kind of sacred service that we should see ourselves giving as a living sacrifice

iii. Only regarded as our logical, reasonable service