



# A Living Sacrifice

ROMANS 12:1

*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. Romans 12:1*

**I. A living sacrifice lives a lifestyle of \_\_\_\_\_, not penance.**

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God ... v. 1a*

**II. A living sacrifice is \_\_\_\_\_, not partial.**

*... to present your bodies as a living sacrifice ... v. 1b*

## SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

### OLD TESTAMENT

Animal blood shed for forgiveness

Continual sacrifice needed for sin

Sacrifices died

Offered to God by a priest

### NEW TESTAMENT

Christ's blood shed for forgiveness

One-time sacrifice for all sin

Sacrifice lives

Offered to God personally

**III. A living sacrifice is motivated by \_\_\_\_\_, not guilt.**

*... holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. v. 1c*

## WORSHIP GOD AS A LIVING SACRIFICE

1 Give God \_\_\_\_\_ ...

2 All the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

3 With \_\_\_\_\_ .

ROAD TO  
REDEMPTION



# ROAD TO REDEMPTION

## HOME GROUP LESSON & DEVOTIONAL

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 12:1. What makes offering our bodies as living sacrifices an act of worship?

2. What does being a living sacrifice look like in everyday life? Read Matthew 16:24-25, 22:37 for additional insight, and also refer back to your sermon notes.

3. Why is it crucial that our motive be right in worshiping God? What can happen when our motives are wrong? What should that motive be?

4. We can easily praise God in good times. But in difficult times He seems far away; we can't see His goodness, and circumstances seem to say that He has forgotten us. To praise God in those times requires personal sacrifice, an act of the will to lay everything on the altar before a God we don't understand. When was a time you chose to bring this "sacrifice of praise" (Heb 13:15) to God, proclaiming that He is still good and can be trusted (Hab 3:17-19; Nah 1:7)? What happens to us when we choose to praise Him even in the storm (Mal 3:13-17; Job 13:15)?

5. Every other religion uses worship in an attempt to gain mercy, but the Christian worships in response to the mercy God has already shown us. How does this truth encourage your walk with the Lord, and also how you share Jesus with others?

6. Oswald Chambers called the surrender of one's will to Jesus "giving up my right to myself." We hold nothing back and simply say, *Jesus, do with my life whatever You want*. If you have trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation and experienced the mercies of God, have you offered your life to Him as a sacrifice, for His glory and praise? In each of the areas below, consider how you will seek that your words and actions bring God glory.

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|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| my worries   | my finances     | my plans       |
| my time      | my thought life | my future      |
| my treasures | my emotions     | my life's work |
| my family    | my attitude     | my whole self  |

**"There are many ways in which we can worship God, but self-dedication is the most fundamental and important way. This 'service of worship' should precede all other service of worship, or else worship and service are superficial. ... Paul called us to sacrifice ourselves to God because He has been merciful to us."**

**TOM CONSTABLE**

**"Like a coach encouraging and challenging an athlete to reach a particular goal, Paul urged believers to consecrate themselves. Consecration in this particular context is a radical separation from a secular worldview to adopt instead a Christlike purpose and way of life. Paul called this consecration of our bodies a 'spiritual service of worship.' The Greek word translated 'spiritual' is *logikos*, an adjective referring to something being carefully thought through. ... However, even in this, He has not left us alone. Note the phrase 'by the mercies of God.' We learned in Paul's description of God's unsearchable character that He is merciful above all. Moved by His ready inclination to relieve the misery of fallen humanity, He stands ready to help us when we respond to His call."**

**CHARLES SWINDOLL**

**"If you do not worship God seven days a week, you do not worship Him on one day a week. There is no such thing known in heaven as Sunday worship unless it is accompanied by Monday worship and Tuesday worship and so on."**

**A. W. TOZER**

### A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)  
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:  
*"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."*

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

### LUNCH AND LEARN: HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT LGBTQ

Here at Christ Chapel our goal is to partner with parents as they continue to share the hope of the gospel with their children, and we are devoted to providing resources that will equip you as you navigate various topics at home! Today at 12:30 P.M., our Dallas Theological Seminary's Lunch and Learn will focus on approaching LGBTQ at home, and we'd love for you to join us. Find details and registration at [www.ccbcfamily.org/dtsslunch](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/dtsslunch).

### SPECIAL ONE-DAY EMBARK EVENT

Embark is our new "Get to know Christ Chapel" class—great for anyone who wants to learn more about us or is considering membership. This month, we're offering the three sessions of Embark on one Sunday afternoon! Join us on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 12:45 to 4 p.m. to learn about our beliefs, vision and values. Learn more at [www.ccbcfamily.org/embark](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/embark).

**SERVE OUR SCHOOLS** Serve Our Schools, a ministry with Local Outreach, partners with schools in Tarrant, Parker and Johnson County to support students and teachers in the classroom. From tutoring and giving teachers an extra hand to sharing the gospel in after-school Bible clubs, join us this fall in making an eternal impact! Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/sos](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/sos).

**HOME GROUPS** The Christian life is meant to be lived in community and Home Groups are a great way to do that! Each week you'll pray, learn and do life with other believers, growing deeper in your faith and helping others do the same. Christian community is one of the best ways for the church to be the church! Find your group at [www.ccbcfamily.org/groups](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/groups).

**VOTER REGISTRATION** As we continue to pray for our country during an election year, we wanted to provide you with an easy voter registration option. On Sundays, Sept. 15 and 22, there will be a voter registration table in front of the Garden Room, on the Link Bridge and between the stairs in the Chapel. We hope this is helpful to you! The deadline to register will be Monday, October 7.

**REACH OUT LOCALLY** God loves the people of Tarrant County, and our heart is to tell each person in the city that truth. From supporting mothers experiencing an unexpected pregnancy to running disaster relief efforts nationwide, there's a place for you to use your gifts, interests and faith to make a difference. Find out more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/local](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/local).



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.